

L. H. J. were ordered to remain on the Frontiers, is almost expired: I think
 Liber No. 50 it would be highly proper to order some others to march and relieve
 April 4 them; but shall not give such Orders without your Advice. As it must
 be more agreeable to these Detachments to be Victualled in the same
 Manner that the Troops at Fort Frederick are, and as the impressing
 Provisions from the Frontier Inhabitants at this Time might greatly
 distress them, I hope you approve of the Directions I gave Mr. Ross,
 and that you will make Provision for his being immediately paid.

Whereas the House (as the same Journal will shew) presented
 to me the following Address:

May it please your Excellency,

In Answer to your Message of the 29th Instant, we return your
 Excellency our Thanks for the Attention and Regard you have
 shewn to the Protection and Defence of this Province, in ordering
 out Detachments from the Militia of Prince-George's and Baltimore
 Counties, and shall make Provision to pay Mr. Ross for Victualling
 these Detachments, according to your Excellency's Directions to him,
 as we are sensible that the impressing Provisions from the Frontier
 Inhabitants at this Time might greatly Distress them: And we
 think, with your Excellency, that it would be highly proper to order
 another Detachment of the Militia of One Hundred Men to march
 and relieve those already on our Frontier, there to remain for the
 Term of one Month, and desire that you will be pleased to give
 Orders for that Purpose.

p. 22 Agreeable to this Desire of the House, I ordered Captain Harrison
 of Charles County, and Captain Chapman of Anne-Arundel, to
 march to the Frontiers with some of the Militia from each of those
 Counties, and I believe you all know my Orders were obeyed.

As you had observed to me on another Occasion, that the present
 Lower House of Assembly consists in a great Degree of those Gentle-
 men who composed the House of which I have been speaking, I
 confess I was much surprized at your asking By what Law or Author-
 ity the Companies of Militia, commanded by Captain Brown and
 Captain Casson, were lately ordered out and compelled to march?
 but as I presumed that you were convinced I was authorized to order
 out the Militia that marched to the Frontiers in September and
 October 1756, I thought I gave you as sufficient and explicit an
 Answer as you could reasonably expect or desire; and I shall be
 still of the same Opinion, unless you can point out to me any Law
 which exempts the Militia of Queen-Anne's, Calvert and Kent Coun-
 ties, from any Services that the Militia of Prince-George's Anne-
 Arundel, Baltimore, Charles or Frederick County, are obliged, when
 ordered by the Governor of this Province, to perform.

4th April, 1758.

Hor.^o Sharpe.