

well as repel, an Invasion. But surely there are no Words in that Law that can give you that Authority; nor can any Thing be further from the Intent and Design of it; for such an Authority would put it in the Power of a Governor of this Province, whenever he found himself opposed in any Views or Designs that he might have, tending to destroy the Liberties of the People, to compel the whole Militia of the Province, at any Time when he might suggest Danger, to march to any Part of the Province he pleased, and keep them there, until their Representatives had complied with all his Demands, let them be never so extravagant or injurious to the People. Such a Power, we conceive, is not given, nor could ever have been intended to be given by any Men in their Senses. But, suppose, your Excellency has, by that Law, all the Powers given you that you can suggest, we beg Leave humbly to Remonstrate to your Excellency, that the Exercise of the Power of marching the Militia of the Eastern Shore to the Frontier, upon the late Occasion and the Orders for marching a Company of Militia from Calvert County thither at this Time, when we are informed there are near Four Hundred Men there, most, if not all of whom, your Excellency has sufficient Reason to be convinced, will be paid by this Province; and when the Presence of our good Friends and Brothers the Cherokees, which have continued with us ever since November last, and (as you have been pleased to inform us by your Message of the 29th of March last) "will be of great Service, and in all Probability contribute much to the Security of the Inhabitants," has already, and must undoubtedly continue to raise great Discontents and Uneasiness in the Minds of his Majesty's good Subjects of this Province, committed to your Care, and to alienate their Affections from his Lordship's Government; and if not desisted from, but attempted to be continued in Practice, may, we are apprehensive, be productive of the worst of Consequences; for we are informed it is the general Opinion of the People (even of those for whose Protection the Militia of Queen-Anne's and Kent Counties were marched, at that severe Season of the Year) that it was not necessary for the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants, to have any Militia there at the Time those Militia were ordered out. From whence, we are apprehensive, unprejudiced Persons may infer, that those who advised your Excellency to take that Measure, intended, under the specious Pretence of affording present Protection to a Few, by Degrees to introduce an Arbitrary Power, the Exercise of which must, in the End, inevitably Enslave the Whole.

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If the March of those Militia had been lawful and necessary (which we are clearly of Opinion it was not) yet we are humbly of Opinion, that the Impressing large Quantities of Provisions for them, in the Counties they marched from, and consequently putting the County to the Expence of Carriages from the several Places