

Opinion will be a sufficient Reward to the Recruiting Officers, as they will get great Numbers of Men, it is to be hoped, for a much less Sum; tho' they may perhaps be obliged to go beyond it for some; however if any thing is doubtfully expressed in the Clause relating to the Recruiting Officers, we will readily agree to make it Clear. We are of Opinion, that the providing for Field Officers would be attended with very great Expence, and should not Gentlemen who may be appointed to those superior Posts, be continued in the same Command after the Expedition is over, it might be the Ruin of some, who might advance their whole Fortunes, in hopes of being continued in Ranks which it would be too heavy a Burthen to the Country to continue them in. We must be of Opinion, that those 200 Men, who by the Bill are directed to be Drafted out of those taken into the Pay of the Province, &c. and stationed at Fort-Fredrick, to Act as Rangers, should be good Men, and therefore we ordered them to be first chose out; and we cannot presume, they are intended not to be in actual Service, on the contrary, they certainly ought to be constantly Active and Vigilant in order to protect the Frontier Inhabitants against the Incursions and Depredations of their Savage Enemies.

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The Pay of the Captains who may go on the Expedition, we agree shall not be reduced below 12s. 6 p Day.

The Provision made for such as might be Maimed or receive Hurt in the Service, is the same as has been made in other Bills, and as we hope unnecessary Obstructions to the Passage of our Journals, will not hereafter be thrown in, this Provision will not be attended with the Inconveniencies you mention: This kind of Provision we find in a neighbouring Colony. When the Military forcibly obstructs the Execution of the Civil Power, the Punishment ought to be severe, and we are apprehensive, that a Penalty of £30 on a common Soldier for obstructing the Service of a Summons, is rather under, than over, an adequate one; if the Penalty was small the Offender might buy off the Evidence. The Governor as Chancellor and Surveyor-General, is considered in the same Light as any other Officer under the Government, and in respect of his Personal Estate, as a Private Person, and therefore there cannot be the same Reason for exempting him in these Respects as for exempting him in Respect of his holding the Supreme Executive Power in this Government; and we hope your Honours will never presume, that the Governor will obstruct the Execution of any Law, or refuse to pay a Tax, imposed with equal Reason on Himself as on Others.

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The Uncertainty of our Capital was the Reason of Continuing the Bill the Third Year, which possibly may not be sufficient; but that will soon appear; and there cannot be the least Doubt but a Provision will be made by a longer Continuance of the Act if it be found necessary. It does by no Means appear to us, that the Mode for raising