

Money which was then in the Hands of the Agents, or in the Loan Office, and which had in Fact been reserved for them, you are pleased to refer me to the Bill that had been rejected, in which, had it passed into a Law, you said such Provision was made as you judged most expedient for cultivating their Friendship; how regular or decent it was to give me such an Answer, or to refer me on that Occasion to a Bill which did not then exist, and which had never been offered to me, or how much this evinced an earnest Desire on your Part to contribute, by the Presence of your good Brothers, as you call them, to the Security of the Frontier Inhabitants, I submit to the Judgment of others.

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A few Days after the End of that Session, I was informed by a Letter from the Officer commanding at Fort Frederick, that a Member of your House had, on his Return from the Assembly, endeavoured to stir up Sedition among the Soldiers; that among other Things he had told them, their Officers had no Right to punish any Soldier for getting Drunk, that the Money which had been raised for their Support was all expended, that their Officers could have no Authority over them after the 25th of December, that they might then go whither they pleased, and that no Person had a Right to apprehend them; should the Gentleman deny that he industriously propagated such a Doctrine among the Troops, there are many Persons ready to prove it, particularly Captain Ware, Serjeant Love, and a Soldier called Charles Claget.

Had any indifferent Person received such Information as I did at this Time from the Commanding Officer at Fort Frederick, could he have imagined that any of the Soldiers would have continued there more than Six Months without Pay, or any Promise of being paid? especially if such Person had given the least Credit to what several Persons were encouraged, or forced, to come from Frederick County, in October and November last, to Swear, namely, That the Men had been ill fed and used barbarously by their respective Officers; and if the Soldiers had been persuaded to disband themselves, before any of the Militia that were ordered out could reach the Frontiers, there is the greatest Reason to conclude, from what has heretofore happened, that not only the Settlement of Conococheague would have been broke up, but that very few of the People who lived beyond Frederick-Town, would have ventured to remain on their respective Plantations; in which Case they would, it is apprehended, have been taught even by some of yourselves to lay the Blame entirely upon me, for not having ordered a sufficient Number of the Militia to their Assistance, as I had done on former Occasions. I flatter myself, that enough has been already said to justify the Orders that I sent to Captain Browne of Kent County the 21st of December, and to Captain Casson soon afterwards; but as you insist that these Orders were issued at a Time when not so much as a Report of an Incursion

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