

great Justice, as my sole Design in giving those Orders, and the Design of the Gentlemen that advised me, was to prevent the good People in one particular Part of the Province being disquieted or distressed; and I cannot conceive that any future Governor of this Province, however unworthy he may be of the Appellation of Humane and Benevolent, will ever think of making the March of these Companies a Precedent for ordering others hereafter to the Frontiers, and stationing them there, not for the Space of a Month or Six Weeks only, and not in order to repel a foreign Invasion, or to protect the Inhabitants from the most imminent Danger, but to gratify his private Resentment, and with a View of disgusting the People against their Representatives. Should the Government of Maryland be in the Hands of a Person of such a Turn, the People would, no Doubt, be unhappy; but it is to be hoped, that his Council will think themselves and their Families too much interested in the Happiness and Welfare of their Country, to countenance or connive at such an Attempt; and he will most undoubtedly find by Experience, that instead of disgusting the People against their Representatives, by such arbitrary Proceedings, he will inevitably bring their Resentment and Execrations on himself.

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It gives me great Pleasure to find, that you now see the Behaviour of the Militia, that ran to their Arms on the Alarm that happened in November 1755, in it's proper Light; the Willingness they shewed to march to the Assistance of their Fellow-Subjects in another Province, was truly laudable: I return you Thanks for your Eulogium on them, and am thereby encouraged to remind you of a Message that I sent to the Lower House of Assembly the next Session afterwards, wherein were the following Words: "I must also recommend it to you, to repay the Officers of the Militia of Cæcil, Kent and Frederick Counties, what they expended on the Alarm in November last, when it was believed in those Counties that a large Body of Indians were advancing toward the Center of the Province." It appears by their Journal, that the House about a Month afterwards, referred the Officers Accounts for Consideration of the next Session: The Consequence of which has been, that none of them have been yet paid, tho' an Act has been passed since I laid them before the House, for Payment of the Public Charge of this Province, by Virtue of which, many Members of that House, as several Gentlemen among you can testify, have received, or may in a few Weeks receive, to the Value of some Hundred Pounds a piece, for serving their Country as Representatives in Assembly.

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The Number of Gentlemen that accompanied me on my Journey to the Frontiers in the Year 1755, after the Defeat of General Braddock, was not, I believe, so large as you imagine; the Company consisted of Lieutenant Gold and Ensign Russell of his Majesty's Forces. Mr. Ridout my Secretary, the Deputy-Sheriff of Frederick