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I will not enter into a detail of the measures which were then pursued but shall only Observe to you that they were Such as unhappily gave occasion for an odious Distinction to be made Between the Inhabitants of Maryland and those of the Neighbouring Colonies, and inclined his Majesty's Generals who were appointed to command his Forces in these parts to entertain a very unfavourable Opinion of the People of this Province

Being However well Satisfied myself that it was far from the Desire of the People in General to be exempted from Contributing their Quota for the Expedition which General Forbes in Obedience to his Majestys especial order was then about to undertake and in the Event whereof none could be more interested than themselves, I thought it my Duty to assure the General when I paid him a visit on the Frontiers of Pensylvania that if such aids as he might have expected from us were not granted it ought not to be Attributed to want of Inclination in the People of Maryland to promote the Service but to an accidental Difference in opinion, and an unhappy Disagreement.^t Between the two Houses of Assembly about the mode of raising the necessary Supplies which I flattered myself would not be the Case at any future Session

By this Representation the General was induced as you may learn from a Letter of his which shall be laid before you to Advance a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Province to encourage the Maryland Troops to Continue in the Service dureing the Campaign, and untill the Legislature should meet again and agree on a Bill for Reimbursing his Excellency and paying of the arrears that might be then due to Lieutenant Col.^o Dagworthy and the Companies under his Command: you will also see that in Compassion to M.^r Ross, who haveing victualled our Troops at Fort Cumberland and Fort Frederick in Consequence of an agreement made Last year with the agents, was greatly Distressed by the Assembly's breaking up without putting it in those Gentlemens Power to pay him, his Excellency hath been pleased to advance him Likewise some Money to Support his Credit untill Supplies shall be raised and the agents be impowered to pay what upon a Settlem.^t shall appear due to him I do not Exactly know what M.^r Rosses Claim and the arrears of pay that are now due to our Troops amount to, but I belive the whole doth not exceed thirteen or Fourteen Thousand pounds at the most a Sum that is very inconsiderable in Comparison of the Supplies which have been granted this year by the other Colonies for his Majestys Service and much Less I am persuaded than the Inhabitants of this Province can afford and would Chearfully give for the Same Purpose.

Gentlemen

What has been now Communicated to you I am desired to Recommend in the first place to your Consideration, and that your