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Provided always, and be it Enacted, That when, upon any Emergency, his Majesty's Commander in Chief, or Person properly authorized, shall judge it expedient to march any Part of the said Five Hundred Men from the Frontier of this Province, then and in such Case, so many of the aforesaid Men shall be left at Fort Frederick, under a proper Command, as the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, shall judge necessary for the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants thereof."

This Message having been Read in the Lower House, it was, as appears by the Journal, thereupon ordered, that the following Address should be presented to me, by Way of Answer :

"It gives us the greatest Concern to find your second Message of this Afternoon, so unprecedented, that we conceive we cannot, without departing from the established Mode of Proceeding, give any other Answer to it, than that it is Unparliamentary."

Which convinced me, that while I was studious to preserve a right Understanding with the Assembly, there were some at least in the Lower House, who considered more how a Foundation might be then laid for a Rupture at a future Session; nevertheless as I perceived they were determined not to come to any Explanation, I gave my Assent to the Bill, and the next Day issued Commissions for raising the additional Companies. Finding afterwards, that the Agents made some Difficulties about paying those of the Troops which were in Garrison at Fort Cumberland, I wrote to the Earl of Loudoun, and the King's Officer who then commanded in this Part of the Continent, desiring them to order some other Troops thither, to relieve Capt. Dagworthy's; but my Request was not complied with, and the Agents, on farther Consideration, thought it their Duty to issue Pay for that Garrison as long as they had Money in their Hands. Having on the 15th of October (1757) sent to the Lower House, which was then sitting, the following Message,

"Gentlemen, Finding by a Letter that I received this Morning from Capt. Dagworthy, that the Garrison of Fort Cumberland is in Want of Provisions, I advised the Agents thereof, and recommended it to them to order a Supply thither as soon as possible. In Answer to the Letter that I writ to those Gentlemen on this Occasion, they tell me, that as the Money which was appropriated by the Act of Assembly passed last Session, is entirely expended, it is not in their Power to make any farther Provision for the Troops in the Pay of this Province. The evil Consequences that must naturally follow the Troops being refused Provisions, are so obvious, that you cannot help perceiving them; and therefore I shall only desire you to take this Matter into immediate Consideration."