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likely to preserve the Tranquillity of the Province it self or its Dependance upon the Mother Country as the Maintaining with a Strict and Steady hand the Necessary Powers just Prerogatives of the Crown and the Preferring an Uniform and Settled principle of Government to an Occasional Departure from it for temporary Convenience, every Days Experience convinces us that it is in vain to Negotiate away His Majesty's Prerogative, every new Concession becomes the Foundation of some new Demand, and that my Lords of some new Dispute Convinced of the Justice of their Lordships Observation Cautioned by their Censure of the Proprietors of that Province for suffering a popular Assembly to make exorbitant Acquisitions of Power and encouraged by your Excellency's Example of Fortitude in withstanding the unwarrantable attempts of those Men among us who are grasping at Powers which do not belong to them we shall on all Occasions oppose their unjustifiable Measures and as far as shall be in our power preserve for posterity our Constitution unaltered with regard to the latter part of the Gentlemens Message we beg leave to observe that finding the whole expence of raising Cloathing and Paying the Number of Men which they had Voted in Consequence of your Excellency's Recommendation would not amount to one third part of the Sum they Proposed by their Bill to Raise and knowing that the Necessity of raising a large Sum is the Principal Argument those of them who are fond of Innovations urge to their Constituents in Justification of their Conduct and in favour of such a Bill we could not Help intimating to them our Sentiments on that head, we did indeed perceive that by the Bill they had appropriated apart of the money proposed to be raised towards defraying some other Expences viz:† the arrears due to the Maryland Troops that Contrary as we have Reason to believe to the Inclination of the Lower House Served under Brigadier Forbes in his Expedition against Fort Du Quesne and also the Arrears due or which have been paid by his Majesty's General to the Gentlemen that victualled those Troops during the Winter Before that Expedition, but as it was no secret to either that House or Us, that when it was evident the Troops were to expect no other pay from the Assembly besides naked resolves An Order was thro your Excellency's humane and kind Offices obtained from the Lords of the Treasury for the payment of such Arrears we could not see the Expediency of the Assemblys now appropriating the Sum of £14,000 for that Purpose, or view it in Any other Light than a contrivance to reserve so much Money for some Particular Use which they did not at Present Choose to Mention, as to the Appropriation of £6,000 to pay the Militia that Your Excellency was Pleased by Virtue of the Power with which every Governor of this Province is invested to Order to the Frontiers some of them at the Request of the then Lower