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No to compleat 700 Men exclusive of the independant Com-
panies immediately & I do not despair of finding at my Return
the Gentlemen of our Assembly disposed to make an Addition
to the 1000 which they were induc'd at their last Meeting
to grant & I hope the other neighbouring Colonies will no
longer decline joining heartily in the Service, tho I am
indeed still apprehensive that nothing of very great importance
can be effected unless we are supported with some Troops from
home which I most earnestly wish His Majesty & Council
would think proper to order over that our unquiet aspiring
Enemy might perceive that their Vicinity to those Parts
of His Majesty's Dominions will be on no account conniv'd
at or endured. As I propose to leave this Place Monday
or Tuesday next & by the first Opportunity that shall offer
after my Return to Annapolis to write again I will hope to
be excus'd for not protracting this Letter farther than to
assure you that I am with the highest Respect & Esteem
as ever

Copy of a Letter to His Ld^{ship} dated at Annapolis ^{the} 5th of Nov. 1762

My Ld

About a fortnight since I took an Opportunity by a Ship
sailing from Virginia to acknowledge the Receipt ^{of His Ld^{ship's} Commission} of your
gratitude for the vast Obligation that your Ld^{ship} has been pleas'd
to lay me under by your ready favour & Kindness in permitting
my Absence from your Ld^{ship's} Province & the Administration of