

of the Assemblys Prorogation to the 20th of next Month, soon after which,
Prorogation. I received a Letter from the Secretary of State, the Contents
of which I have taken the Liberty to communicate to his L^{dy}, & as it
urged me to call the Assembly of this Province, procure Supplies I
consulted the Council thereon who advised me not to meet the
Assembly before the time that had been appointed, as so much time
must have been necessarily spent before the Proclamations could
be published that the Assembly could not have met in obedience
to them a great many Days before the time before mentioned. As I
conceive you are no stranger to the several particulars mentioned in
S^r Tho: Robinsons Letter respecting the Transportation of Forces with
& who are appointed to command, & as I have quoted a great part of the
Letter to his L^{dy}, I will not intrude on your time by my Prolixity on
that head farther than to acquaint you that by the inclosed Acknowledg^{mt}
the Receipt of that Letter, promise to obey his Majesty's Commands &
tell him that I am about to depart again to the Camp, where, Ours
the Independant Companies are, whether I have ordered the Virginia
Troops to march that I may endeavour to bring them under some Discipline
to which they are as yet pretty much Strangers, & make some Prepa-
rations for the Reception of those Regiments from Europe, of whose
Arrival we now daily expect to be informed. I have also inclosed for
your perusal & mentioned them to his L^{dy}, the last *Parliamentary Papers*
which are almost entirely filled with Messages that have passed between
Gov: Morris & the Assembly of that Province who are still sitting but are
not now expected as Governour Morris informs me to grant any Supplies
at this time more than £5000 for purchasing Provisions & Carriages
for the Use of the Troops who may have Occasion to march thro: that
Province. None of the Northern Colonias beside New York who gave £5000
some time since have been prevailed on to grant any Supplies as yet
unless the Service can be said to have done so who have given about
£6000 N^y by an Act which it is expected will be dipented to at home.
I have writ to his L^{dy} acquainting him with the evident Backwardness
of the People to apply for Land to his L^{dy}s Office, since those Distur-
bances have happened which indeed makes me despair of being able to
advance at present the price of his L^{dy}s Lands in the Province &