

Let His L^{ty} or You may be at all impaired on by the Report
 of the Committee concerning Craspi & the Recruiting Officers Acc^{ts}
 I must first advise you that 'twas absolutely impossible for them to
 determine about the Justice or Reasonableness of the several Charges
 that their Committee have observed on from such general Accounts
 as were submitted to them: Craspi had bought & laid in a large Quan-
 tity of Provision & many Necessaries for the Troops by my Order, some
 were paid for & others not, Vouchers for his Delivery of these things
 to the Commissary of Stores who attends the Troops could not be
 sent because the Commissary had not yet received them, the Salt
 particularly which is charged Carriage of from Wladenburg was bought
 by Doctor Cook at my Order, whose bill not being sent in to the Assembly
 at that time they suspected Craspi's Acc^{ts} falsified, where it really did
 not, indeed I cannot as yet determine myself about Craspi's Conduct
 but am apt to think that they will be glad to find him tripping
 if they can because he has behaved himself on all Occasions as a good
 Servant to the Gov^t. I cannot at this place help observing to you
 that in the Bill which they had framed for regulating the Rates of
 Carriages &c they had allowed the Owners of Wagons 20 p^{ct} more
 for Carriage p ^{Mile} than Craspi against whose Acc^{ts} they had been
 cavilling, had actually charged. I make no doubt but they will be
 also well satisfied with the Officers Recruiting Acc^{ts} when they have
 them properly stated & laid before them, as I observe the Enlisting 50
 Men mostly on the Eastern Shore bringing them over the Bay at
 5 p^{ct} a head & conveying them to the place of Rendezvous at Frederich
 on an average cost for each about £3:6 Curr^y only when the sole
 Charges of recruiting on former Occasions amounted to £50 for every
 Man. I cannot at present pretend to give my Opinion on the Acc^{ts}
 more than the Committee ought to have done but as I see their
 report is entered in the written Journal of the Lower House I could
 not but make a ~~Remark~~ Remark or two thereon - having inclosed
 to you the Bill framed for His Majesty's Service & that to prevent
 the Importation of Papists being entered in the Journal I have nothing