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I apprehend the General somewhat dissatisfied that no such Fund is already established, will sollicit the Ministry to obtain an Act of Parliament whereby these several Colonies may be compelled to contribute towards a general Fund or Stock their several Quotas; in case such an Act should be moved for it might perhaps provide & ordain that the Quota imposed on each Province be proportionable to the Number of their Inhabitants respectively; but that it be left to the Assemblies Option in what manner to raise that Quota & to prevent useless Disputes & Controversies it might perhaps also direct that if the several Branches of each Legislature do not concur about ways & means within a certain time the Governor & Council to proceed to Levy the Money in some particular way or after any manner that may be deemed most ready & convenient. What the General or the other Governors may determine to do or write as to this matter I know not but I thought it my Duty to hint to your Ex^{ty} what possibly may happen, as I shall always do with respect to every thing worthy your Ex^{ty}s Knowledge that I may have the least Intimation of & at all times endeavour to evince that with the highest Respect & Gratitude I am.

Letter to the Lordship dated May 22. 1755. Annapolis

My Ex^{ty} In the last Letter that I did myself the honour to write to your Ex^{ty} I intimated my Intention to wait on the General at Fredericksburgh & show my Obedience to your Ex^{ty}s Requisition by paying His Excellency all possible Respect during his Stay in your Ex^{ty}s Province; it being very difficult to get waggons enough to carry up the Stores & Baggage that were to be conveyed to Little Creek thro' this Govern^t. The Regiment could not march from Fredericksburgh before the 29th of April, & the General did not leave that place till the first of May when I waited on him over Patuxent in the way to Linchester & then took my leave. I have received a Letter from the Camp since the General & the Troops have been at Little Creek but it contained no Intelligence at all of the Number of the Enemy at the Fort or any other thing of Importance. I believe the Stores must be in
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