

an Occasion might be thence taken to throw something into
the Bill that should overset it; but I am in hopes that their
Views have been in a great Measure disappointed, as I learn
a Bill is brought into the House for appropriating £5000 towards
raising Men in this Province for the Royal American Regi-
ment & another part of the £40000 to compleat Fort Fre-
derick & raise another Company of a hundred Men for the
Protection of our Frontiers. A Bill is also brought into the
House for the better Regulation of the Militia but as there has
not as yet been any Debate thereon I cannot say what will
be the Fate of it tho I doubt the People in general are
very averse to any such Law. As Lord Loudoun on receiving
Intelligence of the Sops of Oswego writ in the most pressing &
importunate manner for a Number of Recruits & promised
that if the Assembly would not be prevailed on to make pro-
visions for repaying the Bounty Money that I might ad-
vance he would engage to see me reimbursed I sent Instructi-
ons to the Colonels of Militia & engaged other Gent^l to enlist
Men in their respective Counties I have not yet received Returns
from all of them but I conclude from what I have already
sent hither that I shall by these means get a hundred Men
for this Exp^{ts} before the Assembly has made any provision for
that Service. The Virginia Assembly did not meet till
more than a Week after ours but I hear they have already
made provision for raising 500 Men & transporting them