

part of the Shilling & this as must have inevitably damned
the Bill in the Upper House; & they asked me as it were by
several addresses to recommend it to them to make some Provision
for Arms & Ammunition that they may thence take Occasion to begin
Disputes & postpone or neglect the Business on which they were espec-
ially concerned & which I had in my Speech at the Opening of the
Session earnestly recommended to their Consideration - Your Ldp will
be informed by Mr Galvest (to whom I have already transmitted a
Copy of the Act.) that Provision has been ~~made~~ at length made for
raising 300 Men in this Province for the Royal Americans & a sum
of Money also appropriated to finish Fort Frederick & support a
Third Company of 100 Men for the better Defence of our own Frontiers.
As soon as the Bill was passed I granted Commissions for raising the
New Company, & also appointed persons to recruit for the Ameri-
can Regiment; but I am sorry to find that none of them have hitherto
been very successful. As Mr Goldsborough declined acting as
Governor of the Eastern Shore Bent Hall on acct. of his Health I
have presumed to appoint Mr Wm Thomas to that Office in Confidence
that he will not be wanting in his Endeavours to give Your Ldp. Sa-
tisfaction, & Reason to approve of such my Appointment. I have also
in Obedience to an Instruction that Your Ldp. was pleased to give
me some time since in favour of the Act. Mr Norton presented him
on the Decease of Mr Chigett to Wm. & Mary Parish in Charles City
which I then flatter myself Your Ldp. will be also pleased to
approve of & in consequence