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out Frontiers such Presents & Rewards as they alone shall think proper; & to specify in the Bill, at what particular Places any Troops that the Earl of Loudoun may order to this Province, shall be quartered. What will be the Event & Issue of the Session I cannot certainly say but it is not I think very improbable, that it will be left to me to garrison Fort Frederick & protect the Frontier Inhabitants during the Winter with three, or four Companies of Militia. I have writ to Lord Loudoun & desired him to take such Measures as he shall think best for the Preservation of Fort Cumberland & if His Ldp. will order a pretty strong Garrison thither I shall not be very anxious about the Assembly's Resolutions. As I am inclined to think that His Ldp. will upon the Receipt of my Letter advise the Ministry of the Assembly's unaccountable Conduct Resolution to reduce our Troops & grant no Supplies for the Support of any that may be ordered to Fort Cumberland I thought proper to send You the inclosed Account of what has pass'd between me & the Assembly with regard to that Place. The Number of Men in Garrison there at this time is about 230, they are paid up to the 10 of Oct. & as Col: Stanish has as well as myself ordered them up a Quantity of Provisions there is no fear of their abandoning that Place, before His Ldp. can send Orders for other Troops to march thither. If the Parliament should in consequence of the Earl of Loudoun's Representation take the Conduct of our Assembly as well as the Pro-

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