

part of it in a Narrative of the Assembly's Proceedings & mine
with regard to Fort Cumberland since my Return from Phila.
The principal Matter that has at this time come under Debate
was as Your Ldp will please to observe the Garrisoning that place
The Earl of Loudoun insists that the People of this Province
should be at the whole Expence, since a Part of their Quota of
Troops cannot be otherwise employed to greater Advantage to the
Common Cause nor contribute so much by being posted elsewhere
to the immediate Security of our Frontier Inhabitants. The As-
sembly however are of a different Opinion & are determined to pre-
vent any of the Maryland Forces being ordered thither hereafter
by directing & particularly specifying in their Bill how all the
Soldiers that they will ever provide for shall be at all times em-
ployed which the Extract of their Bill will shew Your Ldp
more clearly than I can describe. This Attempt or Proposal of the
Assembly's will I am persuaded be represented home by the Earl of
Loudoun as a most violent Attack on his Majesty's Prerogative & be
considered I presume as an Affair of the greatest consequence for this
Reason I have chosen to throw an Account of my Transactions rel-
ating thereto into the Form of a Narrative that all the Steps which
have been taken by me may appear at one View. When I found that
the Lower House of Assembly would not proceed after the Gent^l
of the Upper House had rejected the Bill above mentioned so from
a second I prorogued them with the Advice of the Council to the
first Tuesday in January next before which time I am in hopes that
the Earl of Loudoun will be at Annapolis but should His Ldp be