

be obliged to defer his Journey beyond that time I shall upon the  
Return of my Express from New York prologue them to a longer  
Day. In the mean time I have left it to His Ldp to do with  
or dispose of our Provincials as he shall think fit many of them  
will I suppose be drafted into the Royal American Regiment &  
the Rest disbanded His Ldp was upon my telling him what the  
Issue of the Sepions would in all probability be some time ago  
pleased to give Orders for some other Troops being marched to Fort  
Cumberland, in case our Assembly should not be brought to com-  
ply with his Requisition & I shall take upon myself the care  
of Garrisoning ~~at~~ Fort Frederick with Militia till other Measures  
can be taken for our Security. For my own Part I have been a long  
time convinced that Nothing effectual can be done in America unless  
all the Colonies are compelled to furnish their respective Quotas  
towards carrying on an Offensive War, & I think the conduct of  
our Assembly at this time will shew that Nothing is to be expected  
from them without Compulsion. Your Ldp will I am persuaded be  
much astonished at a Proposal to give up a Fort & a Tract of Coun-  
try more than 60 Miles in Extent to the Enemy by a <sup>Law</sup> Bill, yet that  
is actually proposed to be done by the Bill of which I have been  
speaking as the Extract thereof which I have quoted manifestly  
shews the Service of the 300 Men thereby proposed to be raised being  
absolutely confined to the North Mountain & the Country that lies  
on this Side Fort Frederick. I hope I shall be able in a very few  
Days to send Mr Calvert a Copy of the whole Bill with a more  
particular Account of the Assembly's Proceedings during the Sepion  
but