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Queen Anne, Prince Georges, & Calvert Counties, & when their two Months  
are expired they will be relieved by four others from Cecil Talbot  
St. Marys & Baltimore. When two Companies have marched from every  
County the Colonels will be directed to call the Rest of their Captains  
together again & to draw Lots once more, so that all Persons may have  
an equal Chance, & that there might be no Room to complain of  
Partiality. If this Scheme is pursued (for as yet I don't know whether  
the Earl of Loudoun will choose to have the Assembly called  
again or not) I shall myself repair to Fort Frederick in the Spring  
& no pains shall be spared that can contribute to the Security of the  
Inhabitants & to render the Militia expert & useful. Individuals will  
most certainly be distressed by being taken even for two Months  
from their Business & Families but I am persuaded that after a  
little Use many of the Difficulties that now occur will vanish. I  
will endeavour as much as is in my power to render every thing as  
easy to them as possible & if they shall have still reason to com-  
plain of Hardships the Odium must fall on their Representations.  
& indeed I have the Satisfaction to find already that there are very  
few among the better Sort of People who do not condemn their Conduct.  
Besides the Question, whether any of our Troops should be subject to  
the Command of the Earl of Loudoun: You will find when you  
come to see the Proceedings of the Assembly this Session, that there  
was another started of as extraordinary a Nature, to wit, whether  
the Lower House of Assembly may not at any time send for  
my Secretary or (in their Language) the Gent<sup>l</sup> that assists me in  
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