

House of Assembly was alone to possess all the Power that is  
now distributed among the several Branches of our Legislature  
Among the other Papers which you will herewith receive is one  
containing the Information that was a few Days ago given to  
Sir John Blair Lieut Col. Haldiman & myself by a French Capt  
who was taken near Fort Cumberland the Tenth Inst. & also by a  
French Deserter that came & surrendered himself the same Day  
I have sent a Copy of it to the Earl of Loudoun & have com-  
mitted the Prisoner to the Sheriff's Custody till I can receive his  
Orders concerning him.

There are now in this City five  
Companies of the Royal American Regiment in Number near 500 who  
are quartered on the Inhabitants indiscriminately - As soon as I was  
advised of their being ordered hither I gave the Corporation Notice  
& recommended it to them to provide for their Reception, upon this they  
presented a Petition to the Assembly for Assistance but having unhappily  
failed of Success they came to a Resolution among themselves to provide  
for the Troops in the best manner they could at their own private Expence  
in Expectation however that the Assembly will some time or other reim-  
burse them.

The following Letter to Lord Baltimore was dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of Decr 1757  
& transmitted by the packet from N York.

My Ld.

In Compliance with a Request made by the Gentlemen of the  
Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly the 15<sup>th</sup> of this Inst I inclose Y<sup>r</sup> Ld<sup>r</sup>  
an address wherein they intreat Your Ld<sup>r</sup> to present another which  
they have prepared for His Majesty & also a Representation to the

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