

Foot should be raised immediately at the Expence of this Province
& be ready about the Beginning of April to join such of His Majesty's
Regular Forces as might be employed this Summer in an Expedition
to the Westward of these Southern Colonies. Upon this it was Resol:
ced in the Lower House that Provision should be made for the
Support of 300 Men to be employed for the more immediate Defence
& Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants & that 200 Additional should
be raised to act in conjunction with His Majesty's Regular Forces.
A Bill was thereupon prepared for raising the necessary Supplies
but as the Majority of the House were entirely averse to giving
Money great Care was taken to Clog it in such a manner as might
lay the Upper House under the Necessity of refusing it: by which
means it was hoped that the Odium which might be the consequence
of no Supplies being granted would fall entirely on those that rejected
not on those that had offered a Bill for His Majesty's Service. Agree:
able to their Expectations it was returned with a Negative & by Advice
of the Council the Assembly was prorogued as soon as the Lower House
had come to a Resolution that they would enter on no new Business.
Matters being thus brought to an Issue & no hopes left of any Assis:
tance from the Assembly I advised with the Council about the Steps
that ought to be taken for the Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants
& agreeable to their Advice I issued Orders Yesterday Evening after the
Assembly was prorogued for two more Companies of Militia to march
to Fort Frederick & do Duty there for two Months, at the Expiration
of which time I proposed to order some others to relieve them & also to go
thither