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will then think it necessary to interfere in some manner or other that might be disagreeable to His Lordship. Were they to refuse to grant any Money for His Majesty's Service their constituents would unanimously condemn their Conduct; but while they can save Appearances so far as to appear fond of granting Supplies the People will be imposed on & made to believe that the Upper House & the Governor are alone to blame, & that it is entirely owing to the Government of Maryland & Pens.<sup>a</sup> being in the hands of Proprietors that Money for His Majesty's Service is not so readily granted in these Provinces as in the other Colonies. Together with the Messages that passed between the two Houses on the Supply Bill I have sent you a Copy of an Address that was presented to Myself remonstrating against the Orders that with the Advice of the Council I issued some time ago to the Captains of some Companies of Militia in Kent & Queen Anne Counties, I likewise send you a Copy of my Answer to it which I have ordered to be printed in the Gazette not doubting but the People will be thereby undeceived with respect to several Matters that have been grossly misrepresented to them. In my last Letter I told you it was generally expected that the Assembly of Pennsylvania would break up without doing any thing for His Majesty's Service. They did so at that time but after 10 Days they met again & offered the Governor such a Bill for raising £100,000 - as he was prevailed on to pass tho' it appears from his Message to the Assembly which you will find in the inclosed Gazette that it was with the greatest Reluctance he did so. I am glad however that he came to such a Resolution as the Expedition which Brigadier Forbes is about to undertake might otherwise have been very hazardous. It is said that the Virginia & Pensilvania Officers recruit with great Success & that their Numbers will in all Probability be compleated before the General will be in readiness