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province being better calculated to protect the Virginia & Maryland  
Back Settlements & prevent the Incursions of any small parties  
of the Enemy, than to be easily & commodiously supplied at  
present with provisions: Upon my Return thence I met the  
Assembly of this Province & pressed them in the most urgent manner  
to make an Addition to the Sum they sometime since granted for  
the Defence of His Majesty's Dominions, but the Conduct of  
the neighbouring Province, whose Assembly was then & had been  
some time sitting influenced, but too much I doubt their Minds  
& Behaviour & made themaverse (after having made the greatest  
professions of their being truly sensible of the Danger that threatens  
them & fully determined to pay the greatest regard & Obedience to  
his Majesty's pleasure which you had been pleased to signify to  
them) to granting any farther Supplies, unless by an Addition to  
the paper Cash already circulating in this Government, to which  
Scheme as it evidently appeared pregnant with many evils &  
much Detriment to the Province in general the Upper House  
of Assembly refused their Concurrence. I have appointed them to  
meet again the 20<sup>th</sup> of next Month when I hope they will fall on some  
unexceptionable method, to raise & give as large a Sum as the  
Circumstances of the Inhabitants can afford: at least you will be  
pleased to think I hope that I will leave no Stone unturned to  
procure from them such Supplies as the Exigency of Affairs require  
& to shew on my part the most dutiful & punctual Obedience to  
his Majesty's Commands & the Orders & Directions that I have  
had the honour to receive from yourself & the S<sup>d</sup> Proprietary.  
The intervening time I propose to spend at the Camp for which  
place I intend to depart to Morrow; having ordered all the Virginia  
& our recruits who together make about 600 thither that I may  
endeavour to discipline them as well as the time will permit