

to acquaint you that my Endeavours to obtain such Supplies  
 as the present State of Affairs requires, & as are requisite to  
 render effectual the great purposes in hand have hitherto  
 wanted a happy Effect, & that the several Motions of Duty  
 & Gratitude to his Majesty, & their Mother Country so justly  
 due, or a proper Regard for their own Preservation which I  
 have frequently urged to them in hopes of encouraging & ani-  
 mating them thereby to exert themselves at this important  
 juncture, have hitherto failed of their desired Effect. I shall  
 again meet the Assembly of this Province the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst. &  
 endeavour to persuade them to contribute at least to the support  
 of the Garrison that the General shall think proper to leave  
 at Fort Du Quaine to prevent future Inroads & In-  
 usurpations; for declining this I think they cannot expect  
 to offer an excuse, tho' the Experience I have already  
 had, forbids me to indulge any sanguine Expectation of  
 their Compliance, even so far; whatever be my Success  
 therein I hope your Lordship will think nothing shall be  
 wanting on my part, that I will most cheerfully embrace  
 every Opportunity of shewing my Duty, & the most punctual  
 Obedience to His Majesty's & your L<sup>ds</sup> Commands, & as  
 much as my Ability will enable me, cooperate with & assist  
 General Braddock in every thing he shall think necessary  
 for his Majesty's Service. I had lately the pleasure of  
 seeing at Annapolis Mr Cowall, by whom I was favoured  
 with another Lett<sup>r</sup> from your L<sup>ds</sup>, I received the greatest  
 pleasure from shewing him every mark of Esteem & Regard  
 during his Stay here, as I shall always be most ready & de-  
 sirous to do to every Gent<sup>r</sup> who may have been favoured  
 with your L<sup>ds</sup> Notice.