

To General Braddock July 9th 1755

I am exceedingly sorry to be under a necessity of acquainting you that our Assembly broke up yesterday without making any provision either for the tax for which Money was required by your Letter of the 22nd of May or for the Support of the Maryland Company that is now with you, indeed so infatuated as to give money were they that they have refused to grant the least Sum towards the protection of our Frontiers & the distant Inhabitants 26 of whom have been killed & carried away by Indian Parties since you left Fort Cumberland. This Obstinacy of theirs has rendered me unable to make any more Remittances to Capt Dagworthy or his Company of which I have informed him & advised him to wait on you for Orders what to do with his Men or what part to act himself. I propose to set out for Frederick in a Day or two & try what can be done with the Militia the House of Assembly would persuade them that the Law is not in force but I shall endeavour to shew them that Tentertain different Sentiments with respect to that matter. By Letters from the Northward I am informed that the Best Squadron consisting of 40 Men of War & 20 Transports with 2000 Land Forces on board were arriv'd at Louisburg & that Admiral Boscawen was also before that Place with Ten Capital Ships & expects to be joined by 3 more of his Fleet who had lost him in the passage. There is great Reason to believe they are not extremely well supplied with Provision on Acco^t of the Embargo that was laid in Ireland: if so they must soon be greatly distressed as some late Laws that have been made by these several Provinces have prevented the Exportation of any Supplies hence to Cape Breton.