

again unless the Legislature of G^t Britain shall first interpose, previous all Occasion of Dispute between us, in the mean time, I shall endeavour to regulate our Militia, as well as the Law will support me in doing, I hope I shall be able to draft p^r form a Company of Eighty out of them to range on our Extreme Borders to protect the Frontiers; Provisions I shall order to be impreged where it can be found, & for Subsistence they must trust to the Generosity of some future & more benevolent Assembly. I intend to go to Frederickton next week to review the militia, & the Company of Rangers therefrom to be drafted before they march. I had besides defraying the Expence of the Gunners advanced £1000, for the Subsistence of the Maryland Company to this time hoping the Assembly would be prevailed on to grant a small Sum from whence I might be repaid, but as their late Conduct makes me despair of being ever reimbursed, I have writ to the General & the Captain acquainting them that I can make no more Remittances for the Support of the Company, which I therefore hope the General will order to be divided between the Regiments. I have received a Lett^r from Col^l Morris dated the 3^d Inst. in which he gives me just such an Acc^t of the Event of his Assembly's Meeting as I have given you of Ours, & in every part of it he expresses his despair of seeing it otherwise till a great Reformation be made in that Gov^t. [When Col^l Innes writ to me the 22^d of June since which time I have received no Lett^r from the Camp, his Garrison consisted of 12 Men 30 of them sick, there were also left with him at Fort Cumberland 50 Invalids from the European Regiments] I believe he thinks the Garrison full & small p^r will be glad of your Reinforcement which (as you know my Con-