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Estate, as well as those of his Tenants, The Gov^t tells me they had sent him a Militia Bill but such a One as was never thought of in any other Country & seems to be calculated to answer no Purpose farther than to amuse the People. Thus are we unhappily circumstanced (for I think I may speak of Maryland as of Pensilvania) & for want of having these Controversies in some manner determined the Proprietaries & their Tenants are equal Sufferers. We impatiently desire to know what Steps will be taken in Consequence of General Braddocks Defeat & the Issue of this Campaign, for my own Part I hope not less than four or five Regiments will be sent over & believe that that Number with those that are already here & three or four Thousand Irregulars will find enough Business on their hands if it is determined to cut off the Communication between the Enemy's Northern & Southern Settlements. This Year's Experience I flatter myself has demonstrated that the Colonies are not to be depended on for Assistance & unless the People are obliged by an Act of Parliament to furnish Horses Waggon &c & to the utmost of their Power to forward any future Expedition it will be in vain to concert Plans for Conquest or undertake any Enterprizes on the Continent of America.

I send to that Copy that was sent to Mr. Thayer Esq^r

The 26th I have just been informed by Sr John St Clair