

the Troops that have been since raised for the Defence of this Province is almost expended I am obliged to meet them again & solicit further Supplies which I am very sorry for because I am persuaded that they will follow the Example of the Pensilvanians in insisting on the Proprietary's personal & real Estate within the Province being taxed as well as their own when I am by a peremptory Instruction forbid to assent to any Bill of that sort that might be offered me. It grieves me to think that we should find such Difficulty in obtaining a small Sum to support a few hundred Men for the immediate & sole Defence of our own Frontier Inhabitants when we could afford to support a thousand more for the General Service did the Legislature of Great Britain think fit to compel us there is scarcely a Person of Common Sense among us but laments that no Act of Parliament has been yet made for that purpose, for my own part I am of Opinion that Nothing else can effectually preserve these Colonies from Ruin.

To Lord Loudoun the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct: 1757.

My Ld Being obliged a few Days ago to convene the Assembly of this Province for want of Money to support any longer the Troops that have been raised here agreeable to Your Ldps Requisition I thought it my Duty to press the Gent: to make suitable Provision for the Accomodation of such of His Majesty's Regular Forces as Your Ldp might be pleased to order hither for the Winter. They have given me room to hope that they will pay some regard to my Recommendations but decline coming to any Resolution on this Matter until I can let them know for what Number of Men Your Ldp expects they will prepare Quarters. I must therefore intreat Your Ldp to give me the necessary Information, & if Your Ldp thinks fit to require any thing more from this Province I hope You will be pleased at the same time to advise me thereof that I may communicate Your Ldps Commands to the Assembly before they advise me to