

His Majesty's Enemies. Some of these Men were by His Majesty's Order  
marched to garrison Fort Cumberland, while the Rest were left at Fort  
Frederick to patroll on our Frontiers at a small Distance beyond  
the Settlements & by this Disposition of them the Inhabitants have  
been so effectually secured this Summer from the Incursions of the  
Enemy that we have not lost a single Person, exclusive of Soldiers &  
such as attended them. The Money which had been appropriated for  
the Support of these Troops being now expended, I have convened the  
Assembly again & recommended it to them to grant further Supplies for  
their Support but I am sorry to inform You that they have abso-  
lutely refused to provide for any Men that are or may be ordered to  
Fort Cumberland, & that they are also resolved to reduce the Troops in  
the Pay of this Province to 300 who shall they say on no Account what-  
ever be employed otherwise than in garrisoning Fort Frederick & pa-  
trolling just beyond our Frontier Settlements. I am for my own part  
well convinced that Nothing can contribute so much to the Safety of our  
People while we are obliged to carry on a defensive War in these Parts  
as our keeping a strong Garrison at Fort Cumberland, or some other ad-  
vanced Post for tho' it may be proper to have a place of Strength & to  
have Parties patrolling near the Settlements yet that alone will not  
be effectual, the Indians may pass them, come down, destroy the Inha-  
bitants & retire again in a few hours without being observed, & before an  
Alarm can be given; but when another considerable Body of Men is  
posted at a Distance as at Fort Cumberland & the commanding  
Officer frequently sends small Parties to observe the Enemy's Motion  
& keeps larger Ones constantly patrolling the Indians find it no easy  
Matter to make Incursions without being discovered, if they fall in