

Majesty had been graciously pleased to order to America under His Com-
mand: As soon as the Assembly met I submitted the Admirals' Letter as
well as Yours to their Consideration & pressed them to enable me to comply
with the Admirals' Demand. In Answer to my Message they were pleased
to assure me that they were sorry it was not in their Power to comply with
my Request: but that the Trade of this Province must be entirely ruined
if any more of our Seamen should be taken away, & indeed so many of
those that have been usually employed in our Trade have left us to
on board His Majesty's Ships or Privateers that it is not without the
greatest difficulty the Masters of our Vessels homeward bound can en-
gage a few Seamen to navigate them. I am with y^e greatest Respect &c

To Col. Stanwic. the 15th of Nov^r 1759.

Sir By a Letter which I received Yesterday from the Earl of Loudoun
I find that His Ldp has been pleased to send you Orders to garrison Fort
Cumberland with other Troops in Case the Assembly of this Province should
adhere to the Resolution that they had made with regard to that Place which
I last writ to His Ldp & Yourself. As they have not yet thought proper to
give any Answer to a Message which I sent them upon the Merit of their
Address dated the 19th of Oct^r of which I inclosed you a Copy, I can only
add to what I then told you that they have at length prepared a Bill
in Consequence of their Resolve. As soon as this Bill is rejected by the Gent^l
of the Upper House; which I believe it will be soon after it is offered, I shall
communicate the Contents of His Ldp's last Letter to the Assembly & insist on
their preparing another Bill agreeable thereto. As I find that the Agents
did not till a few Days ago issue the three Months pay that became
due to Capt Dagnorothy's Company, & that two Months pay was also issued
at the same time for the other four Companies there will not I hope be any