

Frederick on the first Notice, this Step will perhaps contribute with  
your Lord's Letter towards bringing the Assembly to a Right Way of thinking  
at least it will put them in mind that I can provide for the Service  
which they design to support the 300 Men for without their Assent  
or Consent & that their Obstinacy will have no other Effect than to  
make me exert the Power with which I am to their great Mortification  
invested & it will doubtless lead many People to examine into the Conduct  
of their Representatives which I am sure every reasonable Person must  
condemn. Indeed the superior Class of People in every part of the  
Province are already much dissatisfied with the Assembly's Proceedings &  
declare publicly that they should be well pleased if the Legisla-  
-ture of Great Britain, would ease the Assembly of the Trouble of  
framing Supply Bills by compelling us by an Act of Parliament  
to raise £20,000 annually by a Poll Tax as the Quota of this Province  
towards carrying on the War. As I find that all our Troops were  
a few Days since paid to the 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct. & that their Cloathing was not  
all so them till very lately I believe there is no probability of their  
deserting at least on this Side Christmas, since Col. Stanwix has  
upon my Application given the Person that has hitherto victualled  
them Orders to continue to supply them with Provisions, I shall agree  
able to your Lord's Orders regularly advise Col. Stanwix of the Assem-  
-bly's Proceedings & will also communicate to your Lord by Express any  
thing that it might be necessary for your Lord to be immediately  
acquainted with.