

Minutes taken at the Indian Treaty & the other papers which Mr. [unclear]
sent me some time ago by Your Order &c.

To Lord Loudoun. the 29th Nov. 1757

My Ld

I now take the Liberty to send Your Ldp. a Copy of the Military
Part as it is called of the Bill which our Assembly have been so long
employed about & which they were pleased to send to the Gent^{rs} of the Upper
House four or five Days after I had communicated to them the Contents
of Your Ldps last Letter. I am apt to think that this Specimen of
their Performances will show Your Ldp. that they are, at least as
wrong-headed as I have ever represented them. The Bill will be returned
to them to morrow with a Negative upon which they will very pro-
bably desire to be dismissed but I shall not be prevailed on to comply
with any such Request until Your Ldp's Business will permit You
to undertake Your intended Journey. Your Ldp. cannot help observing
that they have not only restrained the Soldiers Service to a particular
Spot but that they have also studied to lay the Officers under every possi-
ble Hardship or Difficulty, beside this they reduce the Captains pay
from 12/6 Currency per Day to 10/ which according to our present Practice
is not more than 6/8^{ths} while they themselves have the Conscience
to receive for serving their Country in Assembly as they call it at the Rate
of 12/ a Day each besides Travelling Expences so that the Tax which
have been already & will be levied on the People of this Province to
pay the Assembly for sitting since the War was first begun in America
amounts to at least a fifth part of the Money that has been granted
here for His Majesty's Service which Consideration alone is a sufficient