

the Men in the Bay of this Province to 300 & for restraining the Service of
those to the Distance or Space of about 15 Miles on our Frontiers viz between Fort
Frederick, Conegocheague & the Temporary Line. None of them were to be
marched beyond the North Mountain on any Account whatever nor to obey
my Orders that should be sent them by the Earl of Loudoun or any other
Officer whatever. This Bill has for these, about a hundred other Names
been returned to them with a Negative. What Scheme they will now go upon I
cannot tell nor do I believe that they themselves yet know. In the mean
time to relax their Minds after the Toil & fatigue that they have undergone
while this Bill was framing, they have thought proper to ask what Necessity
I can have for a Secretary & to insist that if I employ any Gent: under that
or any other Title to write for me they will compel him to appear at the
Bar of their House & to answer all such Questions as they shall out of Curiosity
or in their great Discretion be pleased to put to him. On my advising the
Earl of Loudoun of their Resolution to have our Troops withdrawn from
Fort Cumberland he has given me hopes of seeing him here in a very few
Days; What good Effect His Lord's Presence among us will have I know
not, but to provide agst all Accidents, I have given Orders for four Companies
of our Militia to march upon the first Notice. If I should ever be able to
procure the Gent: that you was pleased to introduce to me by your last Letter
you may be assured that I will readily do so but at present it really is not in
my power -

With the

To Colo. Stanwix - The 17th of Decem. 1757

Sir
I am now to inform you that the Assembly of this Province broke up
Yesterday without having made the least Provision for the Support of any
of the Troops that have been & still are posted at Fort Cumberland &
Fort Frederick. In my Letter dated the 21st of Oct. I advised you of
the Resolution the Lower House of Assembly had then taken