

the Support of any during the ensuing winter. This being the Case
most of our Men will I suppose be drafted into the M^o A^o & the best
disband'd forthwith. Col^o Manair is to take proper Measures for the pro-
-tection of Fort Cumberland & I am to have the Honour of defending
Fort Frederick & protecting our Frontier Inhabitants with Militia till
we can fall on some better Scheme. This is all the Acc^o that I can
just now give you of our late Transactions & present Situation for
some few particulars I must beg leave to refer you to a Friend of mine
that has taken a Resolution to pay you a Visit in order to satisfy you
that there was no foundation for the Rumour which prevailed here some
time since concerning him. He has I believe in a few Days which he
spent with me at Annapolis heard more about the Proceedings of the
People that I have to deal with than I ever wish to hear again; I be-
-lieve you to find him better Entertainment at Williamsburg & you
will I hope for the Reputation of the Virg^o Air as well as to oblige me
and him back to us in the Spring in the most perfect health.

To The Earl of Loudoun — Dec^r 22 1757

My Dear Sir
I am sorry to inform you that the Gentlemen of our Lower
House of Assembly would not be prevailed on to make any Alterations in
the Bill which they had prepared for the Support of 300 Men to ramp
on the Frontiers of this Province 60 Miles on this Side Fort Cumberland
& that I have been at length obliged to put an End to this Session. When
all their other Business was despatched they were pleased to present the
inclosed Address & to desire me to send it to your Lordship together with a
copy of their Bill in full Confidence that your Lordship will be shortly
convinced of their Zeal & earnest Desire to promote His Majesty's Service
as their Clerk was ordered to deliver me a Copy as soon as possible. I
declined writing to your Lordship till it was finished but immediately signi-
-fied an Express to Col^o Manair to advise him of what had happened that
he might take proper Measures for the future Protection of Fort Cumberland