

I have likewise ordered a Company of Militia to Fort Frederick & have
three more ready to march upon the Return of my Express from Lancaster: That
not the Gentlemen, in the Close of their Address intimated, to me, that nothing
could say would induce them to proceed on any Business at that time: I did
not think it worth while, to protract the Session an hour purely to give it a
particular Answer especially as I must in doing so - have been led to make some
Remarks on their Conduct that would have given them great Offences (as I well
knew from Experience) but could not at such a time, be productive of any good
Consequences. Your Ldp will perceive what Use they have made of part of a
Letter which I laid before the late Lower House of Assembly about 26
Months ago when I was pressing them to grant a Sum of Money for building
a strong Fort at the Confluence of the two Branches of Potomack about
15 Miles on this Side Fort Cumberland. The Gent^{rs} of that House seem'd
convinced of the Expediency of such a Fort's being built tho they declined
giving any Money for that Purpose & I believe every Body beside those that
compose our present House will think that such a Step or Proposal would
be at this time more reasonable than to give up a Fort that is already built
& a Tract of Country 60 Miles in Extent to His Majesty's Enemies by a Law
as the Gent^{rs} of the Upper House apprehended that they were invidiously pun-
ished on in the abovementioned Address. They thought it incumbent
on them to resent such a proceeding in as publick a manner & therefore desired
me to present an Address of theirs to Your Lordship together with the other
and that Your Ldp might see after what an easy & simple manner conside-
rable Sums of Money can be raised in this Province to pay Assembly Men's
Wages & other publick Debts when His Majesty's Service does not come in ques-
tion I take the Liberty to inclose a Copy of a Law that was made here
very lately for raising upwards of £30000 & just such another Bill will
doubt not be framed for the same Purpose within these two or three Years. I
hope that Your Ldp's Business will not detain You much longer at
New York & imagining You would be willing to see the Gent^{rs} of our Assembly