

then given for three compleat Companies to be formed out of the best of
our Men who with their proper Officers may continue to garrison Fort Cum-
berland as long as the Earl of Loudoun shall be pleased to support them.
As it is now a month since I writ to His Ldp. as I could not tell but he
might on the Receipt of my Letter have desired You to pursue the Instruc-
tions which he communicated to You the 3 of Nov. I sent Orders a few
Days ago to two Companies of Militia to march to the Frontiers that
Fort Frederick might not have been left without a Garrison in case
our Troops should have been disbanded; I could now wish that these Orders
had not been issued but since they are I will not countermand them
& tho' these ^{Companies of Militia} will be of no Use on our Frontiers just now yet they will
be on the Spot ready to relieve the Troops at Fort Frederick at an
Hours warning in case the Assembly should decline coming into
reasonable measures or refuse to make any Provision for their farther
Support as His Ldp. takes no Notice of a part of my Letter
wherin I desired ~~some~~ ^{Directions} to know his pleasure about a
French Prisoner & a Deserter that Capt Dagworthy sent hither about
the middle of Decem. I intend to order one of our Sheriffs to convey
them to Lancaster that You might dispose of them as You shall thin
fit. I have agreeable to Your Desire dispatched an Express
with the Packett directed to Govern. Dinwiddie &c. and

To the Earl of Loudoun. the 22 of Jan. 1750.

My Ld.

As I could not be favoured with Your Ldp's answer to my last Letter
or Your Opinion on the Bill which I was desired to send Your Ldp. a
copy of before the Day on which our Assembly was to have met I was ad-
vised by the Gentlemen of the Council to prologue them to the 17th of