

some Months. With Regard to Your Ld's Demands of Landmen, I must take
the Liberty also to advise Your Ld. that it is likewise out of my power to
comply the Fleet unless Your Command, the Assembly having declined impos-
ing me to raise & support the Number that the Earl of Loudoun has required
of us altho the Ld. proposed to employ them in the immediate Defence of the
Province

To Lord Loudoun, the 2^d of March 1750

My Ld.
An Express to General Webb calling on me, in his Way to New York I
embrace the Opportunity to inform Your Ld. that a few Days after I laid
before our Assembly the Letter which You were pleased to favour me with
the 30th of Decem^r. the Gent^l of the Lower House passed a Vote, for sup-
porting 200 Men half of them to be at Your Ld's Disposal if You
would both pay & victual them in case they were carried out of the Province
but the next Day this Vote was rescinded & it was then resolved that
they would keep up 300 Men & no more during the approaching Summer.
Before a Bill could be framed in consequence of this Resolution I com-
municated to them Your Ld's Letter of the 23rd of Feb^r which I had
just received & pressed them in the most earnest manner to comply with
Your Requisition. What their final Result on this will be, I do not as
yet know for certain; They may perhaps at this time to save Appearances
pass a Vote for the Number of Men that Your Lordship demands but
when they propose a Bill for their Support such Proposals will far
permeated be made for raising the Money as neither the Upper House nor
I can with Honour agree to; & such Concessions be insisted on as we cannot
make without rendering the Govern^t contemptible & offering dangerous
Innovations in our Constitution.

A Doctrine having been industriously propagated among our Troops upon the
Conclusion of our last Session by a Member of the Lower House, as I am
well informed that as the Assembly had broke up without making any