

When I found by His Ld's Answer that he could not just at that time
order any other Troops thither, I communicated it to the Gentlemen of the
Assembly & again prest them to comply with the Earl of Loudoun's Request
by enabling me to pay the Garrison above mentioned, but they were so far
from entering into His Ld's Measures that they not only insisted on our
Troops being withdrawn from Fort Cumberland, but likewise that they
be forthwith reduced from 500 to 300 Men & that none of such 300 shall
be subject on any Account whatever to the Commands of the Earl of Loudoun
or any other of His Majesty's Generals. - As the Gent^l of the Upper House
thought this an Infringement of His Majesty's Prerogative to command all
His Subjects in Arms & moreover ^{were of opinion} found the Bill which was raised framed
for raising the Supplies was not only unreasonable, ^{but also in some respects} impracticable they refused
to give their Assent to it which laid me under the Necessity of proroguing
them for a few Weeks as the Lower House had upon the Bill's being return-
ed to them with a Negative come to a Resolution that they would not en-
ter on any New Business that Session - On the 13th of Feby we met again
& I then laid before them some more Letters that I had received from the Earl
of Loudoun, by one of these we were called upon to augment our Forces
without Delay so that we may have 400 Men ready in April to join his
Majesty's Regular Forces over & above the Number that might be wanted
to garrison Fort Cumberland & the other Fort that has been built within
the Limits of this Province but as the Gent^l of the Lower House met deter-
mined to enforce the Bill, which the Upper House had before rejected
or such a one at least as differed not from that in any material Circum-
stances I soon found myself obliged to put an End to that Session & the
Assembly now stands prorogued to the 23^d Inst. The Men that are in
Garrison at Fort Cumberland being in Number about 300 ^{have} continued still to
serve without Pay ^{since the object} as well as those that are at Fort Frederick, but as it could
not be expected that their Officers would be able to keep them together
much longer I lately wrote to the Commander in Chief as well as to Col^l