

that Number & because the Earl of Loudoun kept some of these, so all last
Summer as a Garrison in Fort-Cumberland the Assembly when they met again
in October pretended to be much dissatisfied tho' our Frontiers had in fact been
effectually secured by that Distribution of them & when I desired them to make
further Provision for their Support they were so far from complying with my
Request that as to resolve that they never would pay or create any Taxes
which should be placed on Fort-Cumberland moreover to insist that our
Troops should be forthwith reduced to 300 Men. After some time they
prepared a Bill for raising Money to support that Number but the Gent^l of
the Upper House refused to accept or pass it because it did not appear to
them to be so much calculated to promote His Majesty's Service as to introduce
dangerous Innovations into our Constitution & because by restraining the
Service of the Troops which they proposed to keep up it infringed His Majesty's
Prerogative. When I found that the two Houses of Assembly would not agree on
a Bill for the support of our Troops Forces I informed the Earl of Loudoun how
Matters stood & intreated him to order some other Troops to Fort-Cumberland
lest the Garrison that was then there should upon hearing that the Assembly
would not support them disband themselves & the Fort with its Artillery be
thereby abandoned to the Enemy. but as the winter was now far advanced &
the Roads to Fort-Cumberland become almost impracticable His Ex^{ty} was pleased
to engage for the Payment of our Troops as long as they should continue to
garrison that place & Colo. Stanwic gave Orders for their being supplied with as
much Provision as they might stand in need of. Upon this Footing have our
Men remained ever since the 5th of October last but I am afraid the Officers
will not be able to keep them together much longer without Pay & the late
Conduct & Resolutions of our Assembly forbid me to hope that they will
appropriate any Money to pay the Arrears that are now due to them which a-
mount I apprehend to about £5000 Currency or £3825 sty. Was this Debt