

To Brigadier Forbes the 1st of April 1758.

The Letter that I did myself the honour to write to You the 27th of March contained a brief Account of what had pass'd between the Earl of Loudoun & me with regard to the Troops that are at present on the Frontiers of this Province, as I had wrote more fully to General Abercromby concerning them & was then in hopes that His Excellency would approve of the Proposition which the Earl of Loudoun had made to me. I flattered myself he would engage to fulfill His L^{op}'s Engagement: but by a Letter which I have just received from General Abercromby dated the 29th of March I am refer'd to You for an Answer & desired to correspond with You alone on every Matter relative to His Majesty's Service & the Security of this Province. This being the Case I take the Liberty to inclose You a Copy of a Letter that I wrote to General Abercromby soon after I was advis'd of his being appointed to the Chief Command in America together with a Copy of a Letter which the Earl of Loudoun was pleas'd to send to me some time ago & which induc'd me to encourage our Officers & Men to continue at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick till this time; As they begin to be very uneasy & have within a few Weeks made several Applications to me for the pay that is now due to them & as the Officers assure me that they have been already oblig'd to advance the Men considerable Sums to supply themselves with common Necessaries You will I am perswaded excuse my Importunity in begging You to favour me with a speedy Answer & if You possibly can to enable me to fulfill the Earl of Loudoun's Engagement. Did I think there was the least probability that our two Houses of Assembly would agree on a Bill for raising a Sum of Money at this time for His Majesty's Service, or that they would hereafter reimburse the Officers the Expences they may have been already put to I should not be so pressing but the Gent^l who compose our Lower House of Assembly have come to a Resolution that they will not