

raise any Money unless the Upper House will give their Assent to a Bill. They have twice refused because they thought it an unconstitutional & unreasonable one, which is much the same as if they had declared that they would neither provide for the payment of the Men that are now on our Frontiers nor comply in any respect whatever with His Majesty's Requisition. If you should be averse to paying off the arrears that are due to our Troops it will in my Opinion be expedient to order some others to relieve them as soon as possible. Last Fort Cumberland should ever long be without a Garrison but this I submit to your better Judgment. Inclosed you have an Extract of a Speech that I made yesterday to the Cherokees that are now at Annapolis, they have not yet given me an Answer but I understand from the Interpreter that they have had a Council & are resolved to comply with my Request in every respect. I mean that they will immediately send a Party out to the Ohio with some of our People to get some Prisoners while the rest of them range on the Frontiers & that they will certainly join you at Fort Frederick or the Mouth of Conogochiegh at the End of one Month which will in all probability be as soon as the Party can return from the Ohio.

To Brigadier Forbes. The 27th of April 1758.

Sir I should have delayed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 4th Inst. till I should be able to advise you of the final Resolution of our Assembly had I not been importuned by the Gentleman who delivered me the inclosed Petition to represent to you the hardship that he & many other Gent^l of this Province must suffer in case their Vessels are detained here after the Ship of War which is appointed to convey the Trade of Maryland & Virg^a to Europe sails & it is positively asserted that she will put to Sea the Beginning of next Month whether the Embargo is taken off by that time or not. I would not have