

To Brigadier General Forbes. the 14th of May 1750. ---

Sir I was not till Yesterday Morning that I gave over all hopes of obtaining some Supplies from our Assembly for the Support of a Number of Men to act under your Command during the ensuing Campaign; but the Resolutions which they then came to left me not the least Room to hope that the two Houses would come to any Agreement afterwards & I found myself obliged by the Importunity of the Gentlemen of the Lower House to put an End to the Session the same Day. They had sent me a Message two Days before acquainting me that no Business was before them & desiring to be prorogued, but as I could not think of complying with their Request before every means had been tried to bring the two Houses to some Agreement I gave them such an Answer as prevailed on them to confer together being in hopes that the Passage of some Bill or other might be brought about by a Conference altho they could not convince each other of the Reasonableness of the Objections or Propositions they respectively made by Messages. On Friday last the Conference met but as the Gentlemen of the Lower House had instructed theirs to adhere to the several Points which they had before insisted on & not to hear any Propositions that should be made for waving them the Conference was attended with no good Effects & on Saturday they pressed me a second time as I have already hinted to put an End to the Session. It would be unnecessary to trouble You with the particulars of the Dispute between the two Houses especially as I hope to have the pleasure of seeing You very shortly, all therefore that I shall say at present is that I shall agreeable to your Desire set off for the Frontiers the 10th Inst in Expectation of Meeting Sr J. Blair there & I propose to order two or three Companies of Militia to march & serve on the Frontiers of this Province under my Command during the Summer or as long as the Situation of Affairs shall make such a Measure necessary. I enclosed is the last Letter that I received from the Commanding Officer at Fort Cumberland

To Sr John Blair: the 17th of May 1750. ---

Sr My Letter of the 15th Inst which I presume You will receive before the Return of your Express will inform You of what has prevented my Meeting You on the 10th agreeable to the Generals Desire: the Court that detained me could not