

I would then communicate to them the Contents of your Letter dated the 30th of Dec^r.
last & press them in the most earnest Manner to raise a sum of Money & furnish their
quota of Troops for the Service of the ensuing Campaign. I am now to inform you
that our Assembly met a few Days after the time appointed & before the End of April
the Gentlemen who composed the Lower House of Assembly offered those of the Upper a
Bill for raising the Sum of £45000 Pounds Currency & for appropriating Part of it to
support was Men to act in conjunction with such other Forces as might be employ'd
this Summer - under the Command of Brigadier General Forbes, but I am sorry to say it
was such a Bill, as the Gentlemen of the Upper House had twice before refused because
they were of Opinion that the Mode of Taxation by which the Bill proposed to raise
the Money was unconstitutional & unjust - that it would if it was admitted most sen-
sibly affect if not entirely destroy the Credit of the Province. Several Messages
passing between the two Houses thereupon the Session was protracted to the 13th Inst.
the Gentl^{rs} of the Lower House had address'd themselves to me two Days before
I advis'd me to prosecute them having previously resolv'd that the Upper House by
declining to pass the Bill which had been offer'd them had in fact refused to
grant any Supplies for His Majesty's Service, as if it had been absolutely impossi-
ble to raise a sum of Money here by any other Method besides that proposed by the
Bill abovemention'd, notwithstanding that was an entire new one & extremely different
from any Mode of Taxation that has ever been used in this Province. Instead of pro-
secuting the Assembly immediately agreeable to the Gentlemen's Request I address'd
myself to both Houses & intreating them to waive all Disputes at such a time so
exceedingly unseasonable. I prevail'd with them to agree to a Conference, by which
Measure I hop'd the two Houses might be brought to some Agreement; in this hope
ever I was disappointed for altho the Gentl^{rs} of the Lower House nominat'd Confer-
ence yet they not only restrain'd them from accepting the Propositions which were made
by those which the Upper House had appointed, but moreover forbade them to make any
Propositions themselves. On the 13th Inst they address'd me once more as hath been already
hinted to put an End to the Session which as it could answer no good Purpose to de-
tain them after such a Proceeding & after they had formally Resolv'd that they would
not proceed on any new Business I accordingly did. Upon my advising Brigadier Forbes
of the Event & desiring him to provide for the Safety of Fort Cumberland where most
of the Maryland Troops whose Number is about 350 were in Garrison & where they