

me to raise the Quota of Men that was expected from this Province or granting a Sum  
of Money to support the 5 Companies that were raised here last Year & have continued  
ever since in our Service, Brigadier Forbes has engaged to pay them from this time to  
the End of the Campaign; they are to march westward in about a Fortnight & I am  
from that time to garrison Fort Frederick & protect our Frontier Inhabitants in  
the best manner that I can with Militia. The General intends to find to make  
a Demand on Us when the Assembly meets again for the Pay that he has already ad-  
vanced to our Troops or that he shall advance them while he has occasion for their  
Service; but I suppose he will find his Demands regarded as little as the Secretary  
of States Letter. I doubt not indeed but the Assembly will as usual profess the ut-  
most Readiness on their Part to comply with the Generals Requisition & to do everything  
that can be reasonably desired of them but I am thoroughly convinced that they will never  
grant any Money for that or any other purpose unless upon Terms which they know  
the Upper House will never agree to, & which if they would I am presumptuously forbid-  
den by my Instructions to accept. I should tire your Patience were I to enumerate  
the Objections that lye against the Mode of Taxation proposed by our Lower House of  
Assembly & which they are resolved to adhere to, but I have sent Mr. Calvert a particu-  
lar Account of every thing that hath passed between the two Houses & between the  
Assembly & myself on this Occasion. That in case any one should desire to know to  
what it is owing that no Supplies have been granted by this Province as well as the  
neighbouring Ones towards carrying on the Operations of the Campaign he might be  
able to give a proper Answer. As the Lower House were determined to grant no Mo-  
ney otherwise than on their own Terms so were they resolved if possible to put it out of  
my Power to protect the People committed to my Care without the Supplies that I had  
asked of them & therefore altho it has been heretofore no uncommon thing with Us to  
decrie & discredit the Soldiery & to insist that the most natural & easy way of Defending  
the Province would be by obliging the Militia to serve in Arms yet no sooner did the  
Assembly find that I intended to have Recourse to that Method than they Remonstrated  
against it as grievous & oppressive & used their utmost Influence to discourage & dissuade the  
Militia from obeying my Orders. These Proceedings of theirs will I am afraid make an  
ill Impression on the Minds of many of their Constituents & I expect that a great