

whosein was the following Paragraph "I am sorry to inform You, that I cannot prevail  
with the Assembly of this Province to engage to support Fort Cumberland but that on  
the contrary they have come to a Resolution to pay no Captains or Companies that  
shall be posted there. By the Bill, which they have framed, & which now lies be-  
fore me for my Assent I can order Detachments from our several Companies thither  
under the Command of Subaltern Officers to be relieved from Fort Fredericks every  
Month but they will not suffer one of our Officers to have the Chief Command nor  
our Troops to be posted there as a Garrison, apprehending I presume that by agreeing at  
this time to raise & support Soldiers for the Defence of that Place they should take a  
burthen on themselves which they will be unable afterwards to get quit of, & fearing also  
lest by an Officer of ours having the Command of the Fort the Expence of furnish-  
ing all the Indians that may declare in our favour & come thither with Provisions &  
other Necessaries should fall on this Province; I say it might be presumed that  
such Considerations as these have determined them to take such a Resolution, but  
whatever their Reasons are I find they will not recede & therefore I should be much  
obliged to you for ordering any Officer who will command our Subalterns to relieve  
Dagworthy that himself & his Company may again be intitled to their Pay & Provisions.  
I shall order him to have 200 of our Men as Detachments from his & the other Com-  
panies & as soon as our Troops can be augmented to 600 as proposed the Detachments  
shall if You think proper amount to 250. As soon as Colo. Stanwix received my Lett.  
he wrote to the Officers commanding at Fort Cumberland & Fort Fredericks to the following  
purpose: "As I have the honour to be left in the Command of these Southern Provin-  
ces My orders to You is this that You continue in this Command of Fort  
with Your Garrison of Men till You receive further Orders from me & from me only  
as You will be answerable at Your Peril. You are to continue to cherish & support the  
friendly Indians as it has been usual on this Frontier & have no doubt but proper Methods  
will be fallen upon to pay this so necessary an Expence, & You may rest assured of my  
utmost Aid & Assistance in every thing in my power." Governor Sharpe tells me that  
Your Province of Maryland are for no Captains, You are put under my Command as one  
I shall not part with You of whom I have so good a Character & I will be answerable  
for Your Pay as long as You are employ'd of which at present I can see no End & both  
You & Your Company during this Command are intitled both to Your Pay & Provisions  
let those be who they will that can be so much an Enemy to their King & Country  
think or say otherwise." As the Assembly had shown such an Aversion to any of the  
Maryland Troops being posted at Fort Cumberland the Agents whom they had ap-