

to have made it a Point that if the Gentlemen of the Upper House would not accept such a Bill as they had offered they would on their Parts obstruct all Measures that should be taken for the Defence of the Province, yet the several Companies whose Solt it has been to march hither & to take their Tour of Duty have paid due Regard to my Commands, & altho several Parties of the Enemy have been discovered this Summer within the Limits of the Province & none of them have ventured down among the Inhabitants nor presumed to do any Mischief near the Settlements. In the Letter which I address'd to You the 10 of May I intimated that General Forbes being desirous to have the Maryland Troops kept together untill the End of the Campaign. was inclined to advance them a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Province in hopes that the Assembly would at their next Meeting agree to pay it & would moreover raise a Sum of Money to satisfy all the Claims that both the Officers & Men may have on the Province at that time; agreeable to this Scheme he has now advanced near 12000 Currency or 12000 \$g. which notwithstanding it is not a third part of what is justly due (they not having received any Pay from the Province since the 5 Day of Oct: last) yet it has enabled & encouraged them to proceed & to continue with the Rest of the Troops to the End of the Campaign, & as they have all been in the Service a considerable time & are inured to Hardships & Fatigue I flatter myself they will answer the Generals Ex-pectations. I have said that by the Money which General Forbes has advanced the Maryland Troops they will be encouraged to keep together till the End of the Campaign but I should have observed that the Officers had before at sundry times advanced the Men of their respective Companies all the Money that they were Masters of & had likewise contracted pretty large Debts in order to supply their Men with common Necessaries. In a Letter which I took the Liberty to write the 22 of Oct: I told You that our Assembly had Resolved that they would not thereafter provide for the Support of any Men that should be placed as a Gar-ison in Fort Cumberland. Upon their coming to this Resolution I wrote to the Earl of Loudoun & to Brigadier Stanwix advising them thereof & desiring them to order some other Troops to take Possession of that Fort. the Winter being pretty far advanced before my Letter reached His L^{ty} who happened to be in the most distant Part of York, & the Regular Troops being so disposed of in their Winter Quarters as made it very difficult & inconvenient for any of them to march to Fort Cumberland.