

They will not be prevailed on to alter their Measures & indeed they
most fell me, as much in an Address which they were pleased to present
in Answer to the Speech that I made them at the Opening of the Ses-
sion, they have however as the inclosed Paper will more particularly
show resolved that out of the first Supplies which shall be granted
for His Majesty's Service they will appropriate a Sum of Money to
reimburse Your Excellency what you have advanced on the Credit
of this Province & also to pay off all the Arrears that shall be due
to the Maryland Forces at the End of the Campaign. The Gent^{rs} of
the Upper House have likewise on their part professed that they are
very desirous Your Excellency should be reimbursed & our Troops paid
off; but notwithstanding these Resolves & Determinations I am persua-
ded as I have already intimated that if the Lower House insists
on the Bill they formerly offered & will not frame one on a different
Plan; no Money will be raised here on this Side Christmas for
any purpose whatever; And with regard to what Your Excellency says
of the Expediency of these Colonies supporting Troops to garrison the
several Posts mentioned in Your Letter I am apt to think that if the
two Houses of Assembly do agree to raise Money the Gent^{rs} of the
Lower House will be very averse to supporting a Garrison at Fort Sum-
derland or any other more advanced Post & I found my Opinion on
some Resolves of the late Lower House & on an Address which they de-
sired me to send last Year to the Earl of Loudoun wherein they perempto-
rily declared that they never would, nor do I believe they will agree
to any Augmentation of our Troops at least during the Winter. Not
knowing whether you have yet received the last Penn^a Paper I take
the Liberty to inclose you one & also to send Your Excellency a
copy of a Letter which I received last Saturday from Doctor Proff-
er & which I think as the Letter he wrote to Your Excellency was Summe-