

the Ohio Country, our Lower House of Assembly had prepared a Bill
for repaying as they said in Money which Your Excellency & the Council
were pleased to advance last Summer on the credit of the Province for paying
off all the Arrears that should be due to the Maryland Troops at the end
of the Campaign & for supporting three Companies of them during the Winter.
I am sorry however to inform Your Excellency that the Gentl^{rs} took care to
frame their Bill in such a manner as they knew would not be agreed to by
the Upper House it being in every respect the same that had been
offered by them three times before & had been as often rejected, & indeed I am
of Opinion that Your Excellency will not want many Arguments to convince
You that the Lower House or the Major part of them (for almost half the
House voted against the Bill) did not in fact intend to grant any Supply
when I am informed that notwithstanding they knew Fort Duquesne
was in possession of His Majesty's Troops & there was great reason to think
Your Excellency would order some of the Maryland Forces (if the Province
should keep them up) to assist in garrisoning that place or some other advan-
ced Post yet they would still insist on their favourite Clause that none of
the Men in the pay of this Province should be ordered beyond Fort Frederick.
It would be unnecessary to trouble Your Excellency with a more particular Account
of their Proceedings at this time. I shall only say therefore that their Behaviour
at this time, has not been different from their Conduct in the last Assembly &
I dare not hope that they will ever change their Measures or that this Pro-
vince will ever contribute its Quota towards carrying on the War against
His Majesty's Enemies unless the Ministry to whom our Situation & unhappy
Disputes are known can take any Steps to compel Us. Col^l Dugworthy in-
forms me that before he left the Camp at Toyalhannon he ordered 100
of the best Men that were in the Maryland Troops to march & garrison
Fort Cumberland till Your Excellency's pleasure should be further
signified, & Capt^l Beall having brought all the Best of the Men hither,