

Commands therein signified, I convened the General Assembly of the Province & by several Messages pressed them in the most importunate manner: nor to grant such Supplies for the ensuing Campaign as the Circumstances of the Country would admit of as the important Service so particularly recommended to Us required. It was however my Misfortune, to find that the Peoples Representatives who compose the Lower House of Assembly, or at least a Majority of them came together with a strict Resolution <sup>not</sup> to propose, nor agree to any other Bill for raising Money or Troops besides that which the Gentlemen of the Upper House had four times before refused to pass for the Reasons contained in the Journal of their Proceedings, which as I took the Liberty to mention in my Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> of May last was long ago transmitted to the Lord Proprietary that a clear & full State of the Dispute that subsisted between the two Houses might be ready to lay before You in Case You should at any time be pleased to call for it. Matters being thus circumstanced & the Assembly having broke up again without granting any Money or Troops, it is not in my Power to give any Assistance to the Officer that is appointed to command His Majesty's Forces in this Part of the Continent nor can I flatter Myself after what hath passed that it will ever be in my power to give him any, unless You shall be pleased to have the Dispute that subsists between our two Houses of Assembly examined into & settled, or shall press them to waive it for a time & to raise the necessary Supplies by some or other of the Methods which have heretofore met with the Concurrence of both Houses. In the meantime the Officers that commanded the Maryland Troops during the late Campaign & the preceding Winter (having advanced on Account of