

to have them paid meet with Success I shall much rejoice not only on
their Account but also on my own for it will remove the principal
Cause of Dispute between our two Houses of Assembly at the same time
that it will disappoint the Lower incline them to think that the
Ministry in some measure disapprove of their Conduct, it will moreover
appear as if my Letters to Mr Pitt had some weight & Your Services
& Success will by most people here be placed to my Account. I am
of Your Opinion that the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces
in N America or Brig Stanwix who commanded in this part of it
might if they had pleased have paid what was due to the Maryland
Forces & the Commissary who Victualled them but neither of them could
be prevailed on to pay either the Troops or the Commissary alledging
that they were not at Liberty to do so: with respect to Mr Stanwix
I really think that as the Commissary furnished Provisions in Consequence
of his Orders he would was the Matter to be tried in a Court of Law
be compelled to make full Payment; but I hope the Commissary will
not be reduced to the Necessity of taking that Step. I did not know
whether it would be proper to address to Mr Pitt that Account of sundry
Sums amounting to more than £600⁰⁰ disbursed by myself which I
enclosed in my Letter of the 24th of Sept. & therefore declined mentioning
it to him; I am very much obliged to You & Brother Phill for
the Steps You have taken with regard to it; but if tis rejected I shall
not be much disappointed for to speak the Truth I never expected to be
reimbursed any Part of the Money which I had expended on the Journey
therein mentioned. In a Letter I received a few Days ago from Mr
Dinwiddie he tells me that he had talked with You on a Proposal