

present House consists for the most part of the Members that composed the  
last I am much afraid I shall not have the Satisfaction of giving my Assent  
to a Supply Bill this Session nor indeed do I expect to have that pleasure  
untill the Dispute which has so long subsisted in Pensilvania, about the Right  
of the People, to tax the Proprietaries Quit Rents & other Estate in what man-  
ner they please, shall be happily determined. In the Maryland Gazette  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct. Your Ldp will see the most particular Account that has  
been yet given us of the Action that happened between a Detachment of our  
Forces of which Major Grant had the Command, & a Detachment of French  
& Indians near Fort Du Quesne, the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept. & Your Ldp will learn from  
the Gazette of Yesterday's Date that the French have since attacked our  
Advanced Post. As the General has not thought proper to take any Notice  
of this Affair in a Letter which he sent me from Raes Town the 22<sup>nd</sup> of last  
Month I am afraid we have not much Reason to triumph. Before I re-  
turned from the Frontiers I was told that more than 3000 of our Troops  
were at that time encamped at Loyalhanning & I have been since assured by a  
Person who had been there, that each Corps had surrounded themselves with  
a very good Breast work which inclines me to think that it was not the main  
or principal Encampment at Loyalhanning which the Enemy attempted to  
force but some more advanced Post & the rather because it is said that Colo-  
nial Braddock of the Pensilvania Forces who is but the seventh Officer on the Expedition  
had the Chief Command there. I am informed by a Letter from Raes Town  
dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of last Month that the Rear of the Army was then about to march  
from that place which corresponds with the Generals Letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> a Copy  
of which I shall take the Liberty to inclose Your Ldp that You may see what  
manner he himself speaks of his present Situation & Prospect. I understand  
that upon its being found impracticable to make a good Wagon Road directly from  
the Loyalhanning to Fort Du Quesne as was at first intended Orders have been  
given for opening one from the advanced Post into that which was made by  
General Braddock, this will probably lengthen the March to Fort Du Quesne.