

that in consequence of Letters which I lately received from Mr. Secretary  
Pitt dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec: & 23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> last I convened the Assembly upon  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst: & pressed them in the most importunate manner to raise  
supplies for the service of the ensuing Campaign; After what I have so  
often repeated I presume it is almost needless to tell You the Lower  
House have once more shewn that they are determined at all Events to  
adhere to their old Bill & to every material Part of it; that as the Upper  
House are equally stedfast on their part there is not the least Probability  
of my Prevailing on them to raise either Money or Troops for the ensuing  
or any future Campaign unless perhaps the Things Ministers upon an  
Enquiry into the Dispute that subsists between the two Houses shall think  
it fit to censure the Conduct of those that compose the Lower in a more  
particular & express manner than the Secretary of State has yet done.  
Perceiving that there was not the least Probability of their Doing any  
Business I have by Advice of the Council just now prorogued the Assembly  
to the middle of July, when unless something very extraordinary hap-  
pens I shall farther prorogue them till next Winter. I presume you  
have heard before now that another Attempt is to be made this Sum-  
mer on Ticonderoga by 10 Battalions of Regular Troops & about 10000  
Provincials from the Northern Colonies whom General Amherst will com-  
mand, Three of the Regiments now on this Continent besides them that  
were left in Nova Scotia & Cape Breton are it is said to embark & join  
General Wolfe, while Brigadier Stanwic with the first Battalion of  
the Royal American Regiment; 1000 Men which the Virginians have  
agreed to furnish & the Provincials which the Pensilvanians shall keep  
up (for as yet it is a Doubt whether their Bill will be assented to)  
keeps Possession of the Ohio Country & compels the French to abandon  
all their little Posts at the Head of that River & thereby make the

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