

Exalted by several Acts that have passed there since the Year 1754 by which
means it is said the Proprietaries were in the 12 Years for which the Act that
Mr. Jemmy has now passed is to ensure he obliged to pay the Sum of 12,000.
That would be I find apprehensive that at the next Session Mr. Jemmy will
not attempt to gratify the Assembly with an Excise Bill on any Terms they shall
ask it with any other Bill that they may desire to the Prejudice of the
Proprietaries, who will I presume now at length repent of their having superseded
Mr. T. in whom they could depend who in the Opinion of most People was
not treated by them in the most gentle manner. Since Mr. Jemmy gave his Assent
to the above mentioned Bill Mr. Morris the Speaker has published a Pamphlet in
answer as it says to the First State of Penna. (which was said to be published some
time ago by the Rev. Mr. Smith) in which Pamphlet he undertakes to show that
the Assembly have not been to blame in any of the Disputes which have arisen be-
tween that Government since the Commencement of Hostilities in America; for a
more particular Account I must beg Leave to refer You to the Book itself which
You will receive together with this Letter. A few Days ago we received Advice
from the westward that about a week before, as Capt. Bullett of the Virg. Regiment
with a Party of 100 Men was escorting 15 Waggons loaded with Provisions to
Pittsburg he was attacked by a considerable Body of French & Indians who killed
or took 35 of his Party & all the Provisions which I am afraid the Garrison at
Pittsburg could but ill afford to lose, as I have been informed that not long before
the 1st of May they were almost reduced to their last Meal; at that time the
Garrison consisted of about 500 Men & it is a Question whether it is yet reinforced
the Royal Americans having not left Phila. about ten Days ago & the Penna.
Provincials being not yet clothed. General Stanwix likewise continues as yet at
Phila. as does also Mr. John McClair settling the Accounts of the last Campaign,
which amount I believe to a larger Sum than was expected. 12,000. being still
wanted to discharge all Arrears & put Things again in Motion, which Sum it
will it would be impossible for the Paymaster to get unless the Assembly of Penna.
will strike down the Loan 12,000 which I am told General Stanwix was to
request of them when they met the 21st of last Month. According to the