

Support of 200 Men to be raised in pursuance of Gen^l. Montfort's
Request & the Residue towards paying off the Arrears that are due
to the Soldiers who were sometime ago in the Service of this Province
& to the Militia who served on the Frontiers; but then they Resolved
likewise that this Money should be raised by the same Mode, &
Bill that hath been so often rejected, or in other Words that altho
they had voted the sum abovementioned they were determined it should
never be raised at all. This Bill of theirs was sent Yesterday in
the Afternoon to the Upper House where I suppose it will be read
to Morrow & then returned with a flat Negative, This I doubt not
will be the Fate of it; nor do I suspect that the Lower House will
proceed to any other Business this Session, indeed it is a Question
whether they would be able to keep for three Days longer a suffici-
ent Number of Members to compose a House, a great Number of
the Representatives being detained at home by Indispositions or by
their Families being sick, for the Summer having been an excessive
wet & hot one, almost every Body has suffered in their Health & many
have died; I was myself attacked about two Months ago with a very
threatening Fever, from which however I am now perfectly recovered, but
I am very apprehensive that we shall lose Col^l. Tusher, it being now
more than a Fortnight since he has been confined to his Bed, by a
Fever which has never intermitted. In case we should be deprived of
him & You should be advised of his Decease (for indeed I despair of
his Recovery) by any other Person's Letters before, I can advise You
thereof, for perhaps some Gentleman or other may on such an Event
recommend himself & solicit the Office which the Colonel has en-
joyed under You, I intreat it as a particular Favour that You will
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