

To Major Alex<sup>r</sup> Prevost. the 20 of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1767.

Sir,

I am extremely sorry to find myself under the Necessity of informing you that since I have been favoured with your Letter by Mr Campbell all the hopes which I had before entertained of being able to serve the Troops under your Command are vanished, & that it is not in my power to afford, or to procure them at present the least Relief. The Assembly should have met last Monday agreeable to my Summons but it seems the Virus of our having the Small Pox deterr'd them not would more than about fourteen of the Burgeses be prevailed on to come near the place, as we could do no Business whatever unless more than twice that Number were present I have after detaining them five Days complied with the Request of the few that did attend by proroguing the Assembly to the 10 of March by which time I hope we shall be free from this Distemper that is said to be so terrible to most of the Gent<sup>l</sup> of whom our Assembly is composed. I should have received great pleasure from contributing to the Satisfaction of the Officers & Men under your Command & if the Representatives of the People had given me an Opportunity I should have used my utmost Endeavours to procure the Soldiers such Necessaries & Conveniences as would render their Quarters agreeable, but being disappointed in my Expectations as I have above related, I can do no more than assure you that when the Gentlemen of the Assembly shall give me an Opportunity of addressing myself to them, I will recommend it to them in the most earnest manner to reimburse such Persons as have or may be put to any Expence in furnishing the Two Companies under your Command with such Things as they stand in need of.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 20