

come into this Measure, & I am sorry to inform Your L<sup>dy</sup>. that they have  
done it with such a Reservation as prevents the Men's being disposed of exactly  
in the manner that Your L<sup>dy</sup>. was pleased to propose. Upon my Return from  
Phil<sup>a</sup>. the Virginians being ordered to evacuate Fort Cumberland I sent  
to Capt. Dagworthy to march with a Detachment of the Troops in the pay  
of this Province to take possession of that place, but he had scarcely arrived there  
before the Assembly gave me to understand that they did by no means approve of  
the Orders I had given, & that they would never agree to support a Garrison in that  
Fort. My Endeavours of mine were wanting to convince them of the Impropriety  
of such a Resolution at this time, but I had the mortification to find that no  
Arguments which I could use had any weight with them & that they were  
obstinately bent on having all the Troops in the Pay of this Province  
withdrawn & it was not till the last Day of the Session, which was the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Inst. that they would agree to issue Pay or Provisions for the Men that had  
been sent thither under Dagworthy's Command. Finding that all our Troops  
must be disbanded, or some Concessions made I have assented to their Bill  
upon Condition that as many of the 600 Men as can be spared without leaving  
the Frontier Inhabitants quite exposed shall be under the Command of  
Colo. Stanwix to be disposed of as he shall judge proper with this Reserve  
that no Captains nor whole Companies shall be posted as a fixed Garrison  
in Fort Cumberland. This I have already sent Colo. Stanwix Advice of  
& expect in a Day or two to receive his Answer to my Letter. It gives me  
a good deal of Concern to find myself obliged by a Remonstrance (which has been  
sent me by two of the Circuiting Judges of this Province & was presented to them  
by the Grand Jury of one of our Counties ag<sup>t</sup> the Conduct of Lieut. Sterling &  
Ensign Calder of the Majesty's 70<sup>th</sup> Regiments & the Recruiting parties under  
their Command) to mention these Gentlemen to Your L<sup>dy</sup>. By the Advice of  
the Council before whom the Remonstrance & Affidavits concerning the Transactions  
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