

together even till they can send you Advice of their Situation. The  
Musters are to be taken for the first time the 10<sup>th</sup> of next Month when the  
Affair will be determined. I wish I may be able to get both Pay & Pro-  
visions issued for the Garrison of Fort Cumberland but as our Agents are  
apt to look on themselves as answerable only to the Assembly I cannot  
promise that they will comply with the Requisition of either of us however  
reasonable our Orders may be. The Men in the Pay of this Province  
when I attended the Earl of Loudoun at Phila<sup>a</sup> amounted to about  
250 as appeared by the Returns which the Officers sent to me at that  
Place & which I presented to His Ldp. I had no power to order any  
Augmentation to be made till the Assembly should meet & grant a Sum of  
Money for that Purpose. indeed I thought & told His Ldp. that 500 was a  
reasonable Quota for this Province to furnish & support & I could not but approve  
of his Ldp's Disposition of them when they should be raised; however I could not  
engage that the Men should be raised or supported unless the Assembly would first  
make provision for them nor could I undertake to augment the Troops in the  
Pay of this Province to 500 immediately on the Assembly's providing for the  
Support of that Number or by any certain Day. Since I have been impossible  
to order an Augmentation I have taken such Measures as seemed most likely to  
complete the Companies, I promised the highest Commissions to them that should by  
a time appointed engage most Men but I am afraid that even such Steps will  
not be effectual, Men are no longer to be got here unless they could be impressed  
into the Service & such means our Assembly will never agree to. I observe what  
you say concerning the Orders that you have given the Commanding Officers in  
the two Posts to cherish & support the friendly Indians that may come to those  
Places, I had also given similar Orders & with regard to the Provisions that the Indians  
may be furnished with at Fort Frederick, I believe the Assembly will be brought  
to pay for them, but I am sensible that Indians rank many things besides provisions  
among the Necessaries of Life for which the Assembly will not make any Allowance