

not reimburse the Officers that supply them. As Capt Alex: Pratts ^{Company} was & is far
from being compleat I should as soon as the Assembly impowred me have sent him
Recruiting Instructions had there been any other Captain at Fort Frederick & if
had not sent all the Captains peremptory Orders to remain at their respective Posts
I would now do so. I submit this Matter to Your Consideration & shall only intimate
that if any Officer of that Company is to be ordered on the Recruiting Service it
should be the Captain because he is most likely to meet with Success & because a Sub-
altern Officer would suffer much by being obliged to recruit on such Conditions as are
imposed by our Laws. In Obedience to a Letter which I lately received from the
Earl of Loudoun dated the 5th Inst I have issued a Proclamation requiring all
Officers of the Militia of this Province frequently to exercise the Men under their
Command & to see that they provide themselves with Arms & Ammunition, I have also
sent more particular Instructions to the Commanding Officers of the Militia in the
Frontier Counties viz^t to Colo. Thomas Prather in Frederick which is our
westernmost County & to Colonel John Hall in Baltimore County which lies to the
Eastward of the other & makes our Northern Frontier, the first of the abovesentio-
ned Gent^{rs} lives about two Miles from the Mouth of Conegochiegh & the latter near
Susquehanna River. inclosed You have a Copy of the Instructions that I have sent
to them respectively but I must intimate to You that our Militia Laws are very
defective & that the Officers are not vested with a sufficient power to compel the
Men to obey all such Orders as they may think proper to issue.

To Mr. Pitt. Annapolis the 26th May 1767.

Sir I do Myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Your two Letters dated
the 4th & 19th of Feby last & in Answer thereto to inform You that I have met
the General Assembly of this Province & perswaded them in the most ~~best~~ manner to raise
with the utmost Expedition as large a Number of Troops as they could support
& as the Earl of Loudoun required for the Service of the ensuing Campaign
~~and what was to be paid~~ ~~company~~ ~~for the~~ ~~immediate~~ ~~Defense~~ ~~of the~~
As there was enough Money already raised & in the Treasury to support 600 Men

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