

should be appointed to command such Forces as may be employed for His Majesty's Service in these Parts. This was also recommended to Us in a particular manner by the Secretary of State, but I am sorry to say that the Assembly of this Province as well as that of a Neighbouring One seems to take pleasure in shewing their Constituents that they are determined to pay no regard to any Recommendation that comes from a Superior. I hear that the Troops which the Earl of Loudoun proposed to take from York amounting to upwards of 6000 were embarked last Thursday but we have not yet received any Advice of the Arrival of the Fleet which we have been expecting from Europe. Colonel Stanwic is marched with 400 Men of the Royal American Regiment towards the Frontiers of Pensilv^a & Lieut. Col. Bouquet is sailed with the other five Companies of the first Battalion for S^c Carolina, 200 of the Pensilv^anians were to have gone with him but the Assembly tho they had before agreed to the proposition have since Lord Loudoun left Phila^a refused to issue pay for any of these Men that should be transported to another Colony. Governor Dinwiddie was also to have sent 400 provincials to Carolina immediately on his Return from Phila^a but I am told that the Men are not yet embarked & the Reason that is given for such extraordinary Delay is that the Assembly have voted the Sum of £5000 more for His Majesty's Service, yet that Enough is not yet raised to pay off the Soldiers arrears which are very considerable. The Number of Men at this time in the Bay of Maryland is 300 but as I have sent all the Officers of the two New Companies to recruit in different Parts of the Province I hope we shall soon increase that Number tho Men disposed to enter into the Service are really exceeding Scarce. While the Assembly was sitting a Party of 60 Cherokees Indians came to Fort Frederick & sent me a Letter thence to advise me of their Arrival & of their Intention to Act in Conjunction with our Forces ag^t the Common Enemy. I would have sent them an Answer immediately & a Present to encourage them to continue in such a Resolution but the Assembly declined for some time to come into my Opinion, however they did at last vote £100 for this