

Cumberland lies in this Province, & that the Virginians had much more reason to
refuse to support a Garrison there, but above all they should I think have consid-
ered that as His Majesty had been pleased to entrust the Earl of Loudoun with the
Command of all his Forces in America, it would ill become them to set themselves
up as better Judges of what Steps should be taken for the Defence of these Colonies
than the Officer whom His Majesty had promoted to such a Command. Such
Arguments as these, however had little weight with the Gentlemen that I had to do
with, & they laid me under the Necessity of accepting the 500 Men on such
Terms as they thought proper to offer them, or of putting an End to the Defen-
ce of this Province, without obtaining any Supplies either for the general Service, or the immediate De-
fence of this Province. Such being the Temper & Resolution of the Assembly I
could do nothing more than get some words inserted in the Bill, which they were
framing that would leave me a sufficient power to order as many Men as
I should think proper to Post Cumberland or any other Place by way of
Detachment & to empower me to put all the Troops that I should think fit
under the sole Command of Col: Stanwix, in case he should proceed on an
Expedition to the Westward, or the Exigency of Affairs should make it expedient
for the Men to be marched out of this Province. Before I sent to the Bill
I went to Col: Stanwix, advising him of my having succeeded so far, & assuming him
that if he would only send an Officer to take the Chief Command I would be
sare that there should be always as many Subaltern Officers & Men there as would
make up the Number that was judged to be a proper Garrison for that Place.
In Answer to my Letter Col: Stanwix tells me that he cannot agree to the propo-
sition but that as he apprehends he has a Right to command all the Men that
may be raised for His Majesty's Service in these parts he has ordered Capt: Dage-
worthy to continue in his Command & to regard no Orders but such as he shall
receiv from him alone. After such a Step I do not know that I can do any
thing farther: Our Agents by what I understand do not think themselves at