

not convinced that the Return is just. Nothing remains but to send  
Colo Stanwicke (who has taken our Men under his immediate Command)  
to order some Officers or People to Fort Cumberland to review the Pro-  
visions & if they pronounce it wholesome he will no doubt order the Com-  
missary to execute it out, Mr Hop will be secure & will no longer hesitate  
or refuse to comply with your Requisition, untill some such Step has  
been taken I cannot desire him to do so, neither can I do any thing  
farther in the Affair. I am glad to learn that you are likely to  
succeed so well with your Assembly, when the Act is passed I shall be  
much obliged to you for a Copy of it. As I am sensible that a Proposal  
to supply such Indian Allies as may come into this Province with  
Provisions might be productive of very ill Consequences I have given  
Orders for supplying them & hope the Assembly will be prevailed on to  
defray so necessary an Expence. The Officers that I appointed for our  
additional Companies have succeeded beyond my Expectation, upwards  
of 120 Recruits were marched to Fort Frederick last Wednesday & I hope  
20 or 30 more will be sent off the 24 of this Month, We hear that the  
Fleet is not yet sailed from New York on acct of some Letters that were  
found on board a French Prize & which gave room to suspect that there  
is a French Squadron off of Louisburg, It is said that the Earl of Loudoun  
has dispatched a Vessel to Halifax & that on her Return the Fleet will  
proceed the Troops having been embarked some time, By the Masters of  
some Ships lately arrived we are told that Admiral Holborne was not  
sailed for Ireland the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, nor the Regiments that were ordered for  
America then embarked, they tell us also that upon the King of Sweden  
& Denmark declaring that they would join the King of Prussia if the  
Russians continued their March the latter had halted; that the Duke of  
Beverland was gone to take the Command of an Army which was assembling in  
Westphalia & that Lord Egmont was appointed Secy of State in the Room of Mr