

or Provisions while they should remain on that Service, Indeed the Assembly  
has been too backward in making the Men that have at times been ordered  
Duty a proper Allowance, & as most of the Men of whom the Militia  
composed depend on their Labour for their daily Bread & cannot live any  
time without distressing their Families one cannot be surpris'd at their  
being less alert & ready to march than might be expected if they were punctually  
paid. If a Company marches in Obedience to their Officers Orders  
& Provisions Horses & Carriages are taken from any Inhabitant by the Pref-  
erence Master for the Use of such Company, the Assembly will not probably provide  
for the payment of such Persons within four or five Years, & that is consider'd  
by some as little better than having their Accounts rejected at Once. but notwithstanding  
these Difficulties I hope we shall be able to muster & march  
500 Men on a few Days Notice in case the Motions of the Enemy should  
at any time make such a Step absolutely necessary. I apprehend that as  
upwards of 100 Recruits have been lately sent to Fort Frederick a Detach-  
ment might be spared thence to reinforce Dagnowthy but You know that  
our Act of Assembly as well as Your Letter to Capt Beall puts it out  
of my Power to give any such Orders, however if You shall think fit to  
order more Men to Fort Cumberland I would desire You to let an  
Officer & Detachment from each of the New Companies be sent as the  
Commissary of Musters & Stores will find himself under great Difficulties  
in case any other entire Company should be ordered thither, And as I would  
give our Assembly as little room as possible to complain that due Regard  
has not been paid to their Acts or Resolves, I would wish that at least one  
of the Subaltern Officers of Capt Dagnowthy's Company with a few Men  
from both his & Joshua Bealls was ordered down to Fort Frederick that the  
musters may be taken & the Rolls dated at that Place as conformable as  
possible to the Directions of our Act which You know I as Governor must  
regard & if I can be executed thro' You as a Military Officer appointed to  
command in these parts may not think Yourself under any such Obligation