

not desired Leave to resign the Govt. of N York absolutely for in a
Letter which I received a few Days since from Lieut. Governor Delany
he tells me that Sr Charles Hardy has obtained Leave to go on the Expe-
dition, during the Continuance of which he is to assume the powers of Govt.
& he intimates that when the Expedition is over Sr Charles will return
again to N York. If that Govern^t. is worth £1000 stg a Year certain it
would be a good Exchange, but then if You should ask for it & not
succeed, & Sr Baltimore should hear that such Application was made he
would I fear be apt to revert it & tho perhaps he might not choose to supersede me
he might easily increase the Burthen that I already find too grievous. I was really
hard to be excluded from all Chance of preferment in the military way by the
Establishment of that Royal American Regiment which after all we have been obliged
to raise. The Germans I am convinced would never have compleated it & had it not
been filled with Drafts & Recruits from England, the two Regiments that were broken
& the Men that have been raised at the Expence of Virg. & this Province I believe it
would now have wanted more than a Thousand Men. The Virginians have by
a Prop^d Act compleated their Forces to 1300 Men. 200 of whom are gone to Carolina
& as many more are to follow. Our Assembly would not come into that Scheme which
is the only one. But yet we muster at this time many more than 400 who are
distributed between Fort Cumberland & Fort Fredemick for the Defence of this
Province. What Number of Provincials the Pensilvanians have actually in pay I
know not but One may guess from what the Assembly say in one of their late
Addresses to the Governor that their Forces are vastly short of the Complement
that they ought to support. The people of Pens.^a as well as the Inhabitants of
Virginia & this Province were lately much terrified but they are again easy & as
free from Apprehensions of Danger or at least as supine & indolent as they have
been since the Disturbances began. The Alarm was occasioned by some Letters
which Capt. Dagworthy the Officer who commands at Fort Cumberland sent
the 14 of last Month to Col. Stanwic, Col. Washington & Myself. By these Letters
we were informed that some Cherokee Indians who were our Friends & were just