

Opinion was this, when Col: Stanwicke advised Me, of his having sent
Capt. Dagnorby peremptory Orders to remain at Fort Cumberland
with a Part of the Troops that were in the pay of this Province
to pay no manner of Regard to the Resolutions of our Assembly
the Orders of any Person besides himself. I sent for the Agents
& told them that I expected they would take Care to have the Garrison
of Fort Cumberland duly paid & supplied with Provisions. As they
seemed to look upon themselves as Servants to the Assembly & to think
that they had nothing else to do but to act agreeable to the Sense
of those by whom they were nominated, I cautioned them to beware
& declared that if they refused or neglected to supply the Troops at
Fort Cumberland I would certainly order the Attorney Gen: to prosecute
them. This put them upon consulting Lawyers & they were by them
told as I have already hinted, that it was not their Business to enquire
whether the Troops were stationed agreeable to the Directions of the
Act of Assembly or not, but to victual & pay them at Fort Cumberland
or any other Place. As this My Ld is really the base & as my commu-
nicating that part of your Ld's Lett to the Assembly would most
certainly bring the Resentment of many Persons on the Gent: with whom
your Ld. was pleased to converse at York on this Subject I must
take the Liberty to suppress that Clause, if I should find it expedient
to send a Copy of your Ld's Letter to the Assembly before I have the
Satisfaction to see your Ld. at Annapolis & the Honour to receive your
further Commands. As your Ld. is pleased to approve of my Resolution
to dissent to any Bill that might be offered if the Service of our Province
is to be thereby restrained I shall forthwith send Orders to three or four
Companies of Militia to hold themselves in readiness to march to Fort