

Letter Bk. I. are however at present pretty well accommodated, the Gentlemen who live in & around the places where they are quartered supplying them with such Necessaries as they stand in need of & require in hopes that they shall be reimbursed by the Legislature whenever the Assembly meets. The Companies should consist of 100 Men each but I beleive they fall short of Fifty & I am afraid they will encrease but very slowly unless Recruits are sent from home for we have not been yet able to raise more than half our three hundred for them tho we offer a Bounty of £10 a Man & the Recruits desert so fast that I am told there are no less than 28 of the Royal Americans at this

p. 257 time under Sentence of Death for that Crime. The Garrison of Fort Frederick instead of being 300 scarcely amounts to 250 Men & I am afraid the Officers will find it impossible to raise the Number allowed for the immediate Defence of this Province, however no Mischief has been done on our Frontiers for a considerable time & the People begin to think themselves well enough protected. Lord Loudoun is I beleive at this time in N England whither it is said he went to see what Assistance might be expected from that Quarter next Summer. In Compliance with His Ldp's Desire Governor Dinwiddie & Myself are to wait on him at Phila<sup>a</sup> the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst, but I doubt if His Ldp has entertained any great hopes of Assistance from these Colonies He will not be well satisfied with the Accounts that we shall be obliged to give him. Whatever be the Result of our Consultations I shall advise you thereof by the first Opportunity whether it be by a Ship from Phila<sup>a</sup> or one of Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyds that is to sail hence the End of this or the Beginning of the next Month. At that time I shall send some of the Partridges that I have been collecting for His Ldp & you may also expect the Rent Roll which I have been employed about ever since the Middle of the Summer together with a Map of Prince Georges Co<sup>ty</sup> made from an actual Survey & the Platts of His Ldp's Mannours finished in the best manner that I can

p. 258 get them & the usual Remittance to Your Self. As M<sup>r</sup> Young is on an Excursion to N York & Phil<sup>a</sup> I presume he will thence address himself to you & advise you of M<sup>rs</sup> Youngs Decease Miss Graham is left to the Care of her Unkle to whom I shall agreeable to His Ldp's Orders give the Sheveralty of Calvert County as soon as it becomes vacant. I am sorry to inform you that M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Goldsborough is in a very bad State of Health & that we shall very probably soon lose in him a sensible & worthy Member of His Lordship's Council; in case of his Death I must beg the favour of His Ldp to appoint some Gentl<sup>n</sup> of this place his Successor as Iudge of the Admiralty Court, it is a Place of very little profit & the Iudge is seldom applied to but whenever People have Business it is very inconvenient for them to attend any where but at this Place. I am