

by all Parties whose Duty it is to obey it, & I shall likewise give such an Instruction to the Naval Officer concerning the Duty to be paid by the Vessels that are employed in fetching Iron Ore to Virg^a as Your Ldp is pleased to approve of. As both M^r Baker & M^r Thomas live at a considerable Distance it will not I imagine be easy to get them to meet at this season, but I shall endeavour to bring them together as soon as possible & will do every thing in my Power to have that Affair of the Tenement in Talbot mannour settled forthwith. Your Ldp's Instruction with regard to M^r Dulany's being appointed Commissary General in the Room of M^r Tasker has been already complied with; & at the opening of the last Session of Assembly the 4th Inst. M^r Bordley was admitted a member of the Council & Upper House agreeable to Your Ldp's Instructions. The Lower House having again shewn that they are determined never to grant any money for the King's Service unless the Upper House will pass without any material Alterations the Bill which they have so often refused, & the Gentⁿ of the Upper House being on their Part as stedfastly resolved never to assent thereto, I have at the pressing Instances of Your Ldp's Council prorogued the Assembly to the Middle of Iuly before which time I expect the Gentⁿ will advise me to prorogue them to a longer Day. I am informed by a Gentⁿ who is just come hither from Phila^a that before he left that City Governor Denny had given his Assent to a Bill for Raising £100000 & supporting 2700 men for the ensuing Campaign, by which Bill the Proprietaries Estate, as well their Quit Rents as their Reserved Land &c. is made liable to be taxed by Assessors of the People's Choosing, which Point Your Ldp knows has been long the Subject of Dispute & Contention between the Gover^r & Assembly of that Province. These Troops which the Pensilvanians are to raise together with the 1500 Men which the Virginians have agreed to keep up are to act in Conjunction this Summer with the 1st Battalion of Royal Americans under the Command of Brigadier Stanwix & to be employed in building a Strong Fort at the Conflux of the Ohio & Monongahela Rivers as Your Ldp will see by a Copy of M^r Secretary Pitts Letter which with other Papers I have transmitted to M^r Calvert to be laid before you. It is said the following Regiments viz. the 17th 27th 42^d 44th 46th 55th the 4th Battalion of Royal Americans, 2^d Battalion of the Royal Scotch, one Battalion of the New Highland Regiment, the 4 New York Independant Companies General Gage's Light Infantry & 7 Companies of Rangers with about 10000 Provincials which will be furnished by the Northern Colonies are to make another Attempt on Ticonderoga this Summer under the Command of General Amherst, but there