

for which they have adjourned they will meet disposed, determined
to do more than you seem to expect. The framing a Bill in con-
sequence of the Vote I before mentioned to you has employed
our people near a Month: it has not yet made it's appearance
but I am told that due Care has been taken to insert many Clauses
that will lay the Upper House, as well as myself under a Necessity
of refusing it. Governor Dinwiddie seems I think to entertain
but faint hopes of succeeding better with the Virginians who are
to meet next Friday so that I despair of seeing any thing done by
these Southern Colonies this Summer or untill their Legislature
of G Britain shall take our Condition under Consideration & ease
our respective Assemblies the Trouble of providing for their own Safety
I have writ to General Shirley to this purpose & intimated to him that
the Commission & Instructions he was pleased to honour me with
will but little contribute to the Reduction of Fort Du Quarme
if there are no Troops for me to take the Command of; No
Money to raise & support any, No Arms for them if they were
raised, No Artillery, Ammunition or Provisions. — Pray how did
if Assembly behave on the Receipt of the Generals Lett & Obser-
vations upon their address respecting the Enlistment of Servants. Our
people are with Difficulty hindered from committing violence
on such Occasions, One of the Officers was two Days ago arrested
& taken into Custody for entertaining Servants; as soon as I was
advised thereof I ordered the Sheriff to let him have his Liberty
upon his giving his parole not to leave the Province till the
Sheriff should be indemnified for releasing him, having advised
with the Council thereon. I shall agreeable to their Advice advise
the Attorney Gen^l to defend the Young Gent^l who I am
afraid has proceeded a little farther than if Gen^l intended upon a
Opposition that I should be able to support him, I am much obliged to you
to promise to forward any Lett that may come directed for me by the Post & am
Dear Sir