

Letter Bk. II. presume to hope for the Direction of I forbear saying any more on such a Scheme but confine my hopes, with a Resolution to endeavour to shew myself not entirely unworthy of the Charge with which His Majesty has been pleased already to entrust me & to remove if possible the Fears of Danger from His Majesty's Subjects settled in this part of the Continent with which they are at present not a little affected, tho I must confess I am not without Apprehensions that if the Enemy shall find us superiour to them here they will bend their Force against his Majesty's Dominions on Ontario Lake the Mohocks & Hudsons River which are I am afraid but too open & exposed & may become too easy a Conquest unless the Six Indian nations will heartily join the Inhabitants of New York & defend the Frontiers of that Province at least till we are able to send them our Aid & Assistance, that I have in the preceding part of this Letter mentioned some places without giving an Accurate Description of their Situation & Distance you will be pleased to attribute to my having hitherto wanted

p. 6 the opportunity of getting Intelligence of the Situation as well as Strength of the Enemy's Forts & Settlements on the Lakes, Rivers, & inland Country which have offered themselves to His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of Virginia to whom I must beg Liberty to leave that part till my hopes are gratified which I indulge myself in of being able very shortly to write more particularly & satisfactorily thereon myself. As there is great Room to fear that the Disputes which have arisen & still subsist between the Independant Companies & the Troops which the Colonies have raised on this Occasion may be carried to such a Length as to distress the Service unless some Remedy be timely applied. I humbly hope that what Governor Dinwiddie writes on this matter will be thought to deserve some Consideration & that you will be pleased by your Instructions to remove this Evil for the future & till Governor Dinwiddie or myself be honoured therewith I will do my utmost Endeavour to remove & prevent all animosities between them which I dread as certain Obstructions to his Majesty's Service. Permit me once more to declare that it shall be my constant Study to Conduct myself so as to deserve the Continuance of the favourable Opinion you have been pleased to conceive of me & by every Means approve myself

Honble Sir Your mo. devoted &c.

Letters were also writ at the same time to Lord Baltimore & M^r Calvert.