

Letter Bk. II. indeed have shewn a Disposition to exert themselves by repelling some Depredations & Invasions that they were threatened with, & really I have such an Opinion of their Power & Spirit as to think they will sufficiently secure their own Frontiers, but can we with any face expect them to succour us whom they esteem little inferiour to themselves while they see us in a State of almost total Inactivity or Supineness. It will be vain I imagine for us to sollicite New Hampshire a weak & young Colony for Assistance; & from the Character of Rhode Island Government I see no great Prospect of being assisted from that Quarter: however to these will I address myself as well as to the Governor of Connecticut whatever hopes I entertain of succeeding in my Applications. The Govern<sup>t</sup> of New York has sent M<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie about £3000 Sterg. which is as much as we must expect from that Province itself exposed & open more than any of us to the Incursions & Devastations of the French & their Indian Allies who may at any time in a Day or two march into the heart of that Country.

p. 9 The Jerseys have for their part been so far from concurring with or approving of M<sup>r</sup> Belchiers inviting them 3 or 4 several times to shew themselves not unmindful of their Country & unworthy of the British Name that they seem to have had nothing else in view at their meetings but to shew the greatest Disregard of & Contempt for the old Gentleman's Recommendations. A Quaker Sect for the most part composes the Pensilvania Assembly who in 3 successive meetings have absolutely refused tho their All was at Stake to advance a Shilling unless their Governor would make such Concessions to them as his Instructions particularly forbad him to think of. The Assembly of South Carolina have as yet I think shewn no less Backwardness to engage in the Cause, & the sinking entirely by gross mismanagement a Sum of £12,000 Proclamation money which North Carolina granted last Spring for the Service, before the Companies raised therewith could possibly advance to the Scene of Action I am afraid will not incline them very readily to repeat their Vote, & tho the Virginians have been prevailed on to give £20000 for their own Defence beside the £10000 which has been long since expended, & our Assembly may possibly be induced to make an Addition to what they lately advanced yet I cannot hope with such parcimonious Supplies as these to be able to execute the Commission I am honoured with with any great Eclat; I wish I may be able to do it with some small Reputation. It is expected I apprehend from your Letter that the Germans who have imported themselves into these Provinces will be found as ready as they are capable of bearing Arms on this Occasion, but I can assure you that whatever Character they may deserve