

Letter Bk. II. settled this Fall at Madcreek on this side the Twightwee & not far from the Maguck Town. Apprehensive that such a great Reinforcement will not lye idle & inactive this winter I have writ to Col<sup>o</sup> Stevens ordering him to get every thing ready for a march to the Camp & to let me know what Day the Troops will be ready to march that I might take a Ride thither & Review them before their Departure & I beleive that as soon as I shall have dismissed our Assembly who are to meet this

p. 41 Day I shall return again to Wills Creek. As I am entirely unacquainted with what Steps you have taken to gain the Indian nations I should be obliged to you for informing me what has been already done & what you would advise me to do farther & whether you are of Opinion that any Service might be done or Benefit received from our sending proper Messengers to the Twightwees desiring their Assistance & also to the Southern nations, the Cherokees Catawbas Creeks & Chicasaws. I should have mentioned to you that I have given Colonel Innes Orders to deliver to the Officers of the three Independant Companies £12 Ster<sup>s</sup> to be distributed among the private Men of each Company as extraordinary pay for the Labour they have undergone in building their Barracks. Captain Polson has writ to me to order an Enquiry to be made by a Court Marshal into his Conduct, I should be very glad to know whether it be agreeable to you that I comply with his Request Your Letter dated the 12<sup>th</sup> of November I found at my Return to Annapolis. the Stores except the 6 Carriage Guns I have ordered to the Camp from M<sup>r</sup> Lewis's Description of these Guns I am apprehensive they are only 4 Pounds therefore you will forbid the making of any Shot till M<sup>r</sup> Lewis makes me an exact Return descriptive of them. There are now at Wills Creek Captain Clark being not yet returned, Three Captains Eight Lieutenants one Ensign Twelve Sergeants thirteen Corporals Seven Drummers & 295 private men the Maryland Company included. With the greatest Regard I am &c.

P. S. The French Prisoners at Winchester are in a distressful situation especially the Officer who is almost naked, if you think proper you may be pleased to order them to Belhaven where they may be better taken Care of & perhaps give the Officer Leave to walk the Town on His parole of honour.