

Letter Bk. II. undisciplined but I may without vanity declare they were equal
 p. 65 to any there. The Officers who bore his Majesty's Commission would not deign to rank with those who served under his Governor's Commissions; in vain were my Attempts to persuade them to agree tho I proposed the same Scheme which I find is now come with a Sanction from home. Such Jealousies & Enmities subsisted between the Officers of the Carolina Independants & the Virg^a Regiment that their Meeting would have been attended with innumerable Mischiefs & Confusion, perhaps the greater the Number of such Troops as these the greater had been the Danger of a Miscarriage had I ventured to make an Attempt—You can easily guess that I did not entertain very sanguine hopes after this my Visit to the Camp I had writ to the several Colonies for Supplies but received scarcely hopes of Assistance from any other & but very little from my own Govern^t The Levies went on very slowly, what a figure the Virginia Recruits even at this time make you will know I doubt not without a hint from me: To have attempted anything & failed of Success must have been attended with the entire Loss of such Indians as have hitherto seemed or appeared to be in our Interest. in these Circumstances what could be done beside giving necessary Orders to protect our Frontiers till the Arrival of the Troops from Europe (which Letters had by this time bid us expect) should make things put on a better face. that nothing however might be wanting on my part to shew my Duty to His Majesty & promote the Service of these Colonies I again met our Assembly but the same Cause as had before again disappointed my Wishes—His Majesty's & the Proprietary's Interest & Instructions must be made to clash & no money is to be raised unless his Lordship's private Claims be made submit to the Demands & Caprice of an infatuated Assembly. I have met them once
 p. 66 more on the same Account but fear the Issue of this will be too similar to that of the last Session. Had the Capt. of the Vessel who conveys you this given me a Day or two's Notice I should have been glad to have given you a more minute & particular Detail of these late Transactions but it being otherwise I must at present content myself with acquainting you that S^r John S^t Clair found me the latter End of January at the Camp for w^{ch} place he departed soon after his Arrival in Virg^a from thence I accompanied him back to Williamsburg (giving Directions for & engaging Quarters for the expected Regiments in our way) where we hoped to see General Braddock by that time arrived, but being disappointed in that particular & having appointed our Assembly to meet the 20th of febr^y I could not postpone my Return to Annapolis to have the pleasure of paying my Respects in person to the General at his Arrival.