

this continued some time & more than 30 of the English fell thereby but towards Evening Capt Villier who commanded the French finding that the Fire on the part of the French diminished & became less frequent began to suspect that their Ammunition was near spent (for they had only a Handfull of Ball each & powder in proportion distributed to them when they were sent from the Fort) ordered a Parley to be beat, not induced thereto as was asserted by the great Loss his Men had suffered for on their side only one Cadet & 2 private Soldiers had been killed, but their Officer being apprehensive as I observed on Account of his Ammunition his provision of Victuals being also inconsiderable & finding the Troops that he commanded for the most part raw & undisciplined would not be easily prevailed on to forsake their Trees & storm the Intrenchment thought proper to offer Terms rather than run any Risks not doubting but the English would in their miserable situation & not sensible what were his fears & Apprehensions gratefully accept any Conditions that he should be pleased to offer in which Opinion he was not indeed at all mistaken. The Day after signing the Capitulation M<sup>r</sup> Washington retreated with the English that survived to Wills-Creek & shortly after descended to Alexandria a Town in Virg<sup>a</sup> situate on the navigable water of Potowmack. The 17<sup>th</sup> of July I once more met our Assembly & apprizing them of what had happened pressed them to grant immediate Supplies for the Service. The Consternation that Washington's Defeat had occasioned inclined many of them to grant a Sum of Money at this time in any manner that the Gov<sup>t</sup> should think proper but some of the Leading Patriots as they stile themselves contrived to insert some Clauses in the Bill which were by no means agreeable & which it was scarcely consonant with his Ldp's Instructions for me to pass; however I was prevailed on by the Council to accept £6000 on the Terms it was offered but from some late Instructions That I have received I am a little apprehensive the Substance of the Bill is not very acceptable to his Ldp. What my Lord objects to are two Clauses which appropriate the moneys arising from Lycencing Ordinaries & Pedlars to the use of his Majesty on this Occasion. As M<sup>r</sup> Calvert tells me he has taken Brother Johns Opinion with respect to the property of the money arising from such Lycences (which his Ldp claims by prerogative) I conceive I need not be particular in acquainting you how those Matters which have been long a Bone of Contention, are circumstanced presuming that M<sup>r</sup> Calvert submitted to you the State of those controverted articles which I find he had received from me when He desired your Opinion thereon. When our Assembly had granted the £6000 above mentioned I advised Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie

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