

such Directions, as you shall receive from him thereupon, But will also transmit to Him forthwith, Copies of your whole Correspondence, with the late Major General Braddock since his first arrival in North America.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
T Robinson

Deputy Gov^r of Maryland.

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[Sharpe to Morris.]

August 29th 1755—

S^r

I detain Govern^r Dinwiddie's Express a moment to acknowledge by him the Receipt of your Favour of the 20th I am sorry to learn that not even the present melancholly situation of Affairs in this quarter could weigh with your Assembly to grant some Supplies in such a manner as you could accept them, the Example they have set is too grateful to our Folks for me to give them an Opportunity of pursuing a similar scheme or expressing themselves in such Language unless I shall receive more particular Instructions from England, or the Enemy make an Attempt on Fort Cumberland, which by w^t I can find Gov^r Innes begins to expect. It is said that his Command a fortnight ago consisted of only 160 Men, if they have since gone off in the same proportion I shall next expect to hear it is entirely relinquished. The Indians have done a good Deal of Mischief in several parts of Virg^a but they have not made our people any Visits since the Engagement, however the distant Inhabitants are so terrified at the Reports they hear that they are leaving their Plantations very vast & retreating to the more populous parts of the Country. As I have not heard any thing of Coll Dunbar's Return towards us again I presume he is proceeding to join General Shirley where I hope he will arrive time enough to be of some Service but I can tell him 'twill not a little chagrine Governor Dinwiddie who cannot bear to think of leaving Fort Du Quesne unattempted again this Summer—I have already intimated to S^r Tho^s Robinson how defenceless we are (notwithstanding our Numbers) for want of a proper Militia Law which I have told him has often & will be always in vain solicited from our Assembly, whether Gov^r Dinwiddie prevailed with the Assembly of that province the other Day to pass one I know not otherwise He will I doubt not write also to the ministry on the same Subject—

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