

be expected from that quarter without the Compulsion of an Act of Parliament is most evident & I am persuaded that our People are much disposed to follow the Precedent that the Pensilvanians have set them. The Virginians have granted £40000 more for the Service & the Governor talks of raising therewith 1000 or 1200 Men immediately who are to be commanded by M<sup>r</sup> Washington & to march over the Allegany Hills within these two Months & build a Fort on the Western Side of them, but Experience inclines me to think they will not on this side Christmas raise more than Men enough to defend Fort Cumberland & their own Frontiers. S<sup>r</sup> I<sup>n</sup> S<sup>t</sup> Clair's being with me is the reason you receive this in an unusual Character, he is pretty well recovered of his wound & proceeds Northward to Morrow Morning in his Way to Col<sup>o</sup> Dunbar or to General Shirley at Oswego where I beleive he expects to take up his winter quarters. &c

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My Lord

Since I did myself the honour to address Your Ldp last I have been informed by Governor Morris that the Issue of his Assembly's Meeting was such as I apprehended would follow the proposal that common Rumour informed us had been made as I intimated to your Ldp in my last Lett<sup>r</sup> I have sent M<sup>r</sup> Calvert for Your Ldps perusal the several Messages & Addresses that passed between the Governor & Assembly on that Occasion which evidently discover the Disposition of that people & I am afraid that if our people were to be convened they would not esteem the Pensilvanians proceedings as precedents unworthy their imitation, that Reason & the Consideration that our Mite (in case the Assembly should have met generously disposed & inclined to avoid Disputation & Controversy) would not have been effectual without the Concurrence & Aid of the Pensilvanians, determined the Gentlemen of the Council to advise against a Session till I should be honoured with your Lordship's farther Instructions. The Virginians have granted the Sum of £40000 for the Service & are raising Men therewith for the protection of their Frontiers & in case they can form a Body of 1000 or 1200 Men within these two months the Governor will order them to march over the mountains & construct some place of Defence on the Western Side of the Allegany Ridge. I received a Letter from Fort Cumberland near a month ago expressing the Governor's Apprehensions that some French & Indians who had

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