

Letter Bk. II. these Southern Colonies besides granting a Sum of Money & Men each for supporting the Northern Expedition, would unite & engage to carry on another against Fort Du Quesne at least to advance a Body of Troops westward & by building Forts beyond the Extreme Limits of this Province alarm the Enemy on the Ohio & prevent their sending Succours thence to the Lakes. I could not help intimating my fears that the necessary Supplies of Men & Money for such an Enterprize would not be easily obtained of these Colonies, but as I am persuaded it would contribute much to the Success of the Regular Forces I shall propose it to our Assembly & I am not without hopes that we also shall at length agree to do something for our own Defence & the Common Cause. As all the Indians of the Delaware & Shawanese Nations who have heretofore lived in Pens^a & been esteemed our Friends have lately taken up the Hatchet agst us it seems high time for us to look out for Allies elsewhere & engage if possible some of the Southern Indians at any Rate to act in Conjunction with such Troops as may Act in these Parts of His Majestys Dominions next Summer. Those of the Six Nations that can be prevailed on to take up Arms & declare in our favour will be found Employment enough by the General on the Lakes, & I beleive you will agree with me on the necessity there is of having such Auxiliaries to attend every army that marches thro the Back Country. I should be glad therefore to be informed how we stand with the Indians of Carolina; what Steps have lately been taken by you or the Carolina Governments to secure them in our Interest, & by what means they are to be prevailed on to take up the Hatchet & join our Troops on the Monongahela the approaching Summer; What Person or People have Influence with the Catawba or Cherokee Nations that may be sent on an Embassy to solicit their Aid; on what Conditions we may expect their Assistance, how many Warriours will they spare us, & how much should each of these five Provinces contribute to support & Reward such Allies. I promised Gov^r Morris to address you on this Subject & communicate to him your answer as soon as I shall be favoured therewith—In your Lett^r dated the 13th of Iune you told me the Cloaths that M^r Carlyle delivered for the Maryland Company would cost 40^s St^g a Suit & in the Account which you received with my Lett^r of the 22^d of Iune I beleive Credit is given you for £114 for those Cloaths, Be pleased to recur to that account & if you find it otherwise send me a Copy thereof that I may rectify the Error & remit you the Ballance.

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Upon hearing that Col^o Washington excepted agst Capt Dagworthy's acting as Commander in Chief at Wills-Creek by