

Letter Bk. II. Majesty's Enemies. I had before writ to Gov^r Dinwiddie on
 p. 168 this Subject & a few Days since had the Satisfaction to learn
 from him that the Cherokees seem well disposed towards us
 & that 130 of them have already taken up the Hatchet agst the
 French & are gone with three or four Companies of the Vir-
 ginia Rangers to attack one of the Shawnese Towns. Gov^r
 Dinwiddie also tells me that two Gentⁿ of his Council have
 been to the Catawba as well as the Cherokee Nation with a
 considerable Present & Instructions to enter into a formal
 Treaty of Peace with them in behalf of His Majesty & all
 these Colonies & to endeavour to prevail with them to promise
 particularly what Number of Warriours they will send to join
 the English Troops in the Spring; they have given their word
 to furnish one Thousand but Gov^r Dinwiddie does not inform
 me on what Conditions they may be expected. I shall acquaint
 the Gentⁿ of our Assembly when they meet with the Steps the
 Govern^t of Virg^a has taken & what a fair prospect we have of
 securing the Friendship of those People & making them of
 vast Service to us if they will on their part contribute towards
 p. 169 carrying the Plan that you have favoured us with into Execu-
 tion. Your Excellency may be likewise assured that nothing
 shall be wanting on my Part to procure you the Supplies you ask
 of this Province but as I have already intimated to you I am
 afraid our People will not be persuaded to send any men hence
 to the Northward, whatever they may be to furnish their Quota
 towards carrying on another Expedition agst Fort Du Quesne.
 I shall send your Excellency early Advice of the Result of our
 Assembly's Meeting & at the same time let you know what
 may in my Opinion be effected with such Forces as can be
 raised in these Colonies & with the Southern Indians next
 Summer. Your Excellency would oblige me by signifying
 what Orders are given for the payment of the Waggoners &c
 that attended General Braddock from Wills Creek, as the
 People are very uneasy lest they should be disappointed in
 their Expectations & unless they are first satisfied for their last
 Year's Service will be exceedingly averse to engaging again.
 If you should have an Opportunity & be inclined to give Capt
 Dagworthy a Commⁿ in your own or any other Regiment you
 will be pleased to acquaint me therewith & let me know if it
 p. 170 be agreeable to you that he should recruit Men in these Parts
 for such Regiment, otherwise as I expect our Assembly will
 make provision for keeping it up he will remain at Fort Cum-
 berland & continue to command the Company that he has
 already raised. I desire you will beleive that I am too anxious
 to merit the Continuance of your Correspondence & the
 favourable Opinion you have been pleased to entertain of me
 ever to neglect an Opportunity of demonstrating that I am
 with the greatest Respect & Esteem Your Excellency's &c