

Inhabitants will resent such Conduct in him & I am persuaded he will in a few years have little reason to applaud himself for the Warmth he has shewn on this Occasion. In your Letter dated the 25 of Oct^r You were pleased to recommend it to me to make some Provision for M^r Wolstenholme by any place of about £100 a year which might suit his Situation, I am satisfied M^r Wolstenholme is well convinced that I should never want inclination to do him Service was it in my power. I have offered him a Sheveralty the only Office almost you know that I can have an Opportunity of giving but he has always declined accepting it; for my part I know no place that can suit him unless it be a Naval Office & I submit it entirely to yourself whether in case of any Vacancy he shall be appointed to one of them. As Gover^r Dobbs informs me that all the Troops which have been raised in North Carolina have by Gen^l Shirley's Desire been transported by water to New York, as the Pens^a Assembly have not & will not grant any more Supplies & as the Act lately passed in this Province directs that none of the £25,000 granted for carrying on an Expedition shall be emitted or used unless both the Provinces of Virg^a & Pens^a will furnish or engage to furnish their respective & proportionable Quota's of Men & money for that Service, I give over all thoughts of seeing any Expedition undertaken or carried on in these parts against our common Enemy this year & am therefore preparing to set off for the Frontiers to put this province in the best posture of Defence that the Bill will permit me & to construct a strong Fort on the North Mountain at least to oversee for a while & put the Officers in such a way & give them such Directions as will enable them to compleat it in the best manner & render it most defensible; This Journey of mine I think the more necessary as Engineers or persons of Military Experience & Skill are not to be found in this part of the World & as Fort Cumberland & the little places of Defence that have been built in the two Neighbouring Colonies are by no means such as I would have built on the Frontiers of this Province. The Virginians have I hear at length determined by Drafts from the Militia to compleat the Regiment that has been so long raising & does not yet consist of 500 Men. It might be hoped that when full the said Regiment will be able to prevent such frequent Incursions into that Province but I beleive if they had determined to raise twice the Number of Men by Drafts from the Militia their Commander would not do much Execution in the Enemy's Country or beyond the Mountains at least for this Summer. We are told that all the Regiments & Troops to the Northward are in Motion towards the places of their respective Destination but as it is said that the Regulars are far from compleat & that the Commissaries or Somebody have

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