

Protection, countenance & regard to her in all things within the province towards her happiness; your instant compliance on her behalf I make no doubt; as thereby you'l testifye y<sup>r</sup> Regard & Will of the Proprietor, with real friendship to me & the Family.

Yours

with peculiar Esteem

Cæcil<sup>s</sup> Calvert.

Pos<sup>t</sup> I have Direct<sup>d</sup> this to you or to the President of the Council in case of y<sup>r</sup> Absence, that he may on the receipt of this follow his Lords<sup>ps</sup> orders herein to M<sup>r</sup> Grayham on Acc<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>rs</sup> Grayham with<sup>t</sup> delay of w<sup>h</sup> I request the favour of hearing by the first Opportunity. Coxen is arrived. I desire you'l tel M<sup>r</sup> Tasker I am surprised he has not favour me with an Order on his corespondent in London of w<sup>h</sup> I insist on

Original.

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Williamsburg Virg<sup>a</sup> July 31<sup>st</sup> 1754.

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Col<sup>o</sup> Washington's orders from me was, by no means to attack the Enemy till the whole Forces were joined in a Body, & they knew no Intention of the Enemy till the very Morning they engaged them, & if the Misfortune attending our Forces has rous'd the Spirits of our neighbouring Colonies, as you justly observe, has done more than probably a Victory would have effected—And I desire to congratulate you that after your indefatigable Trouble your Legislative have agreed to grant 6,000 for His Majestys Service—The Women & Children belonging to our friendly Indians are gone into Pennsylvania Governm<sup>t</sup> where no doubt proper Care will be taken of them.

I called my Council this Day & laid before them y<sup>r</sup> Letter they are of opinion, if agreeable to you, that you shou'd send one hundred Men to join our Forces. Col<sup>o</sup> Innes the Comānder in Chief will have my orders to march all the Forces he can collect together over the Allegany Mountains; & if he cannot dispossess the Enemy of the Fort, he is to build a Fort at Red Stone Creek, the Crossing Place or some other Place most convenient, as may be determined by a Council of War. It will be very agreeable if y<sup>r</sup> Excellency with the rest of your Men, will order the building a Magazine for Provisions, any where near Wills's Creek, large enough to receive Provisions for 1500 Men for one year, which as you justly observe, is absolutely necessary & the Comīssary of our Stores being