

disappointed was much complain'd of for want of proper Supplies—The Pay, and Allowance, for our Forces, are as follows. Captains 8/ p day Lieut^s 4/ Ensigns 3/. Serjeants 1/6. Corporals 1/. and every private Man 8^d with Provisions, that's to say, Flour, Pork, or Beef, one Pistole entrance or listing Money & 26/. to buy them a Coat & Breeches—I fear 6^d p Week for Corn will not be a proper Allowance, as they do expect either Pork or Beef—The road you are pleased to mention from Rock Creek to Wills's Creek will be of very great use & Advantage & therefore desire you will please give your orders to execute it immediately.—I send you Copy of the Capitulation, which from the small Number of our Troops, they were obliged to accept of. that Article of not settling in that Part for a Twelve Month is conceived only to restrain these Persons that were left with the Baggage, so the officers interpret it, tho' probably the French intended to extend it further, however we are now going to prevent the French from Settling. I am in hopes our Troops will all be at Wills's Creek, by the 20th of next Month, & below I send you an Acc^t of their Numbers, & I doubt not you will be able to raise 100 Men to join them by that Time (or to march after them, as they will be between the Enemy & Wills's Creek) which is included in the Calculation below.

The Gov^r of Pensylvania has called his Assembly to meet the 5th & desires an Answer to some Queries, which I now send him, I shall be glad if you will please order the Messenger fresh Horses that he may be there in Time, excuse Brevity & scralls being much hurried, but believe me to be with great Truth—

P. S. I have order'd the different Corps to be compleated; pray give me your opinion if you think I am right in endeavouring to build a Fort, the other side of the Allegany Mountains if it's delay'd to the Spring I fear the Enemy will be reinforc'd—

Your Excellency's
most obed^t hble Serv^t
Rob^t Dinwiddie

Independent Company from S ^o Carolina—	100
2 ——— D ^o from N York	160
Virginia Regiment	300
N. Carolina D ^o	35 ^o
Maryland Company	100
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Total	1010 Men

The inclos'd News Paper contains
a true acc^t of the action from our officers }

Gov^r Sharpe.