

Constituents that they are determined to pay no Regard to any Recommendation that comes from a Superior. I hear that the Troops which the Earl of Loudoun proposed to take from N York amounting to upwards of 6000 were embarked last Thursday but we have not yet received any Advice of the Arrival of the Fleet which we have been expecting from Europe. Colonel Stanwix is marched with 400 men of the Royal American Regiment towards the Frontiers of Pensilv^a & Lieut^t Col^o Bouquet is sailed with the other five Companies of the first Battalion for S^o Carolina, 200 of the Pensilvanians were to have gone with him but the Assembly tho they had before agreed to the proposition have since Lord Loudoun left Phil^a refused to issue pay for any of their men that should be transported to another Colony. Governor Dinwiddie was also to have sent 400 Provincials to Carolina immediately on his Return from Phila^a but I am told that the Men are not yet embarked & the Reason that is given for such extraordinary Delay is that tho the Assembly have voted the Sum of £50,000 more for His Majesty's Service, yet that Enough is not yet coined to pay off the Soldier's Arrears which are very considerable. The Number of Men at this time in the Pay of Maryland is 300 but as I have sent all the officers of the two new Companies to recruit in different Parts of the Province I hope that we shall soon encrease that Number, tho men disposed to enter into the Service are really exceeding Scarce. While the Assembly was sitting a Party of 60 Cherokee Indians came to Fort Frederick & sent me a Letter thence to advise me of their Arrival & of their Intention to Act in Conjunction with our Forces agst the Common Enemy. I would have sent them an answer immediately & a Present to encourage them to continue in such a Resolution but the Assembly declined for some time to come into my opinion however they did at last vote £100 for their use & as the Cherokees went out before I could send it to them & returned with two Indian Enemies that they had taken & the Scalps of four others that they had killed near the Frontiers of this Province I found myself impowered by a Clause in one of our Laws to make such an Addition to the Assembly's Present as rendered it acceptable. They are since gone to Winchester in Virginia where M^r Atkins one of His Majesty's Agents for Indian Affairs is about to hold a Treaty with them & some other Southern Tribes that are in our Alliance. As soon as he has done with them I expect they will return to range on the Frontiers of Pensilv^a & this Province & I flatter myself that they will contribute much to the Security of our back Inhabitants. About 90 more of these Friends that came to a Fort on the Frontiers of Virginia when the others came to Fort Fred-

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