

which with the former have been attended with great Expence to the Country. As to the Interpreter, I fear he does not deserve much Notice, as he has behaved very ill, & M<sup>r</sup> Atkin, who is now at Winchester has my Orders, if what is told of him be true, to dismiss him the Service.

I am glad You have so good a Prospect in raising Your Men, & I am of Opinion, when Y<sup>r</sup> Assembly meets again they will think it absolutely necessary to strengthen Your Hands by a large Supply. It is great Pleasure to hear our Friend S<sup>r</sup> John S<sup>t</sup> Clair is so well recover'd as to attend the Expedition, which I sincerely wish may be attended with Success.

Our Assembly was prorogued last Wednesday with great Application & Interest they have generously granted every Thing I desired;—In my Speech on opening the Session they have voted an Augmentation of our Regiment to 1200 Men, & three Companies of Rangers of 100 Men each & 80000£ for their Subsistance &c they have laid Taxes for that Service 2/ on each Hh<sup>d</sup> of Tob<sup>o</sup> 2/ on each 100 Acres of Land & 4/ Poll Tax which is tho<sup>t</sup> will be sufficient; these Taxes are to continue for five Years; & they further voted 3000£ for maintain<sup>s</sup> & giving Presents to Ind<sup>s</sup> that may come to our Assistance. for raising the Men there is to be a Draught of one in Forty, Freeholders excepted, and to take up all Vagarants or such as have no visible Method for geting their Living, I hope it will answer, & is to be finish'd in twenty five Days. I hope this will raise a Spirit in Your People to follow so necessary & useful an Example.

I wish You Health & with great Regard  
I remain  
Your Ex<sup>s</sup>  
Most obed<sup>t</sup> hble Servant  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dinwiddie

Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe

[Dagworthy to Stanwix.]

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Sir

Six Cherokee Indians who just now came from Fort Du Quesne say that six Days ago they saw a large Body of Troops march from that Garrison with a number of Waggones and a Train of Artillery, and by their Rout must intend an Attack upon this Garrison

I am  
P. S. Two Days afterwards Your most humble, and most  
these Indians saw the Army obedient Servant  
on their March on the side of In<sup>o</sup> Dagworthy  
the Place where Braddock was defeated.