

Williamsburgh May 27, 1754

I received the Honor of yours of y^e 8th of the last month, and do
 assure y^e y^e neither my Ambition of seeing y^e is beyond, nor has y^e can in
 infirmity or some other of Stomach disposition which you are pleas'd
 to say y^e have heard me distinguished by in y^e Army, but y^e is
 owing to my Misfortune if I have not yet had y^e Honor of paying my
 respects to y^e in person, Sometime of y^e Intervention of General Oglethorpe
 and for y^e most part of forming and executing of certain projects for
 y^e Security of our Frontiers, have fallen in to disagreeable Intentions
 And now if I hoped I had overcome all these Avocations and plac'd
 my self with y^e prospect of a little Leisure time, An Accident y^e most
 Extraordinary of any I have yet read of in any History of America and
 which I am now to inform you, has given me a most disappointing
 For two days ago I received a Letter from Col^l Craven Govern^r of
 South Carolina of all y^e Nations of Indians in those parts are broke
 out in open hostility against them with intention to extirpate by
 Maj^{ty} Subjects of y^e Province. The Col^l Craven in hurry, as was
 in, is very short in his relation of this affair, yet his Messenger adv^{is}
 Several Particulars such as, that y^e Indians had murdered 200 families
 at a place call'd Port Royal, that y^e whole Country was flying
 before them to take Shelter at Charles Town, which place they also
 Expected would be soon blockt up, the News y^e being at y^e time of
 writing y^e Letter which was y^e 11th of this Month within two days
 March. Col^l Craven has very earnestly propos'd me to assist him wth
 some Armes in this Affair, And I have accordingly resolv'd to send him
 a Supply both of Armes and Ammunition by his Maj^{ty} Ship Valour
 for which purpose I have don't y^e Includ'd Letters to y^e Cap^{tn} Johnston
 hither, and pray y^e favor of you to give a hand y^e a speedy Convoy and
 If you can supply him wth any Armes or Ammunition from y^e Province
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