

from the fort & another party from Virginia composing about 300 Men under the Command of Col<sup>o</sup> Washington, encamped themselves or rather remained near Monongahela about 60 Miles on this Side the small Fort which had been surrendered, expecting the Arrival of the Forces from Carolina & New York, by which Reinforcement they hoped to be able to make the French relinquish their late Conquest, while Affairs were in this Situation in the Beginning of June, Intelligence being brought M<sup>r</sup> Washington that a Party of about 30 Men from the french Camp were coming to intercept some Provisions that were bringing from Virginia for his Use, He ordered out a Detachment, who fell in with the French & after a few Blows made near the whole Party Prisoners who are still in Virginia.

But soon was this small Advantage repayed by a heavy Misfortune, for on the 3<sup>d</sup> of July M<sup>r</sup> Washington being in the Situation above mentioned was alarmed with the News of 900 French Troops being on their March to attack him which before Eleven o'Clock he found too true, when he was really surrounded by such a Number as he had learnt were on their March, having not any fortification or Entrenchment to protect his Men, he was after near 100 of his Men had been either killed or disabled, obliged to accept Terms the same Evening, which were not very honourable as y<sup>e</sup> Lop will observe, by a Copy of the Capitulation herewith inclosed. The News of this Defeat soon

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