

Gov. should raise Money by such Methods they must not hope to have any more Assemblies convened but that the People must expect to obey Orders of Council & Ordinances instead of Laws made by their Representatives & with their own Consent. Thus may these Tribunes impose on the weak Minds of the People & while they delude them with the empty Sounds of Liberty & Privilege most effectually contribute to their Destruction & the Loss of His Majesty's Dominions indeed if the French wd determine to make the greatest Use of their Victory I question whether 2000 Regular Troops with as many Indians would not descend to the Bay of Chesapeake such an Opinion have I of our Militia wd are about 10000 & any Force that can be mustered in Vir. to oppose them. While the above was writing a Gent from Potowmack came & informed me that the Courier who brought the fatal News to Coll Innes, said also that St Peter Mallett was among the slain & that St J. Clair had lost an Arm & was much wounded & also said that Col: Dunbar with the Rear & Baggage Guard ^{consisting of abt. 700} was retreating to Fort Cumberland, of the Safety or Escape of any of the Rest I despair if what he further relates be true that with the French Regulars that attacked the Gent. there were not left then 2000 Indians.

Copy of 32^d Lett^r to Mr Calvert dated July 17. 1755

By the inclosed which is transcribed from a Lett^r that I have this Just received you will see w^t foundation or Grounds Col: Innes had for writing the Lett^r of w^{ch} you will find a Copy in mine dated the 16th Inst. I leave it to yourself to judge w^h might have happened or how far that Acc^t ought to be credited & related.

Mem^o. Copies of these two last Lett^{rs} were sent to Mr W. Sharpe