

for the Security of that Place, that I would take proper Measures to
prevent the Inroads & Incursions of any French or Indian Parties
which I hope will be effectually done by the small Forts that I have
ordered to be built, one on Tonallaway Creek, & three under the North
Mountain in each of which I shall place a small Garrison with Orders
to them to patrol from one to the other, to Fort Cumberland in
case of Alarms to receive the neighbouring Families into their Protection.
The Subscription that has been made in this County & some other Parts
of the Province has enabled me to take this Step for the Security of
our Frontiers & to continue on foot the Maryland Company which the
late President of the Lower House had made me desire the General to
distribute between the two Regiments. The Virginia Assembly is again
convened, that of Pens^a is also sitting, as you will see by one of the
inclosed Gazettes they have given the Governor room to expect & was
will be granted at this time for his Majesty's Service, but I am told
they propose to raise it by a Land Tax to which the Proprietors
unpatented Land will be likewise subjected, if they still insist upon
such unreasonable Points I presume they will soon be dismissed as heretofore
in that case I shall not meet our People at all, but if the Consideration
prepare such a Bill as the Governor can accept I shall immediately
convene our Assembly in hopes that as they have heretofore been they will
continue Imitators of the British Conduct. Inclosed you have an exact
& proper Return of the Officers & Men that fell in the Action of the 4th of July
of those that were wounded & of them that escaped unhurt, since that time
some have died of their Wounds at Fort Cumberland where the Hospital
is still kept. It was as surprizing a Defeat I think as has been heard
of, for 'tis supposed that the Indians that that Day opposed General
Dreadlock were not less than 1500 or 2000 yet none of the English that
were engaged will say they saw a hundred of many of the Officers who
were in the Heat of the Action, the whole time will not part that they
saw one Enemy, it seems they had most advantageously posted themselves
behind the large Trees that grew on the Eminences or Hills that