

I have already sent you some advice. I wish that you  
continue in the same situation. Colonel Darnley has not  
sent either a Reinforcement: but is about to leave Philadelphia  
it is now to proceed towards General Skelton. In Virginia  
they are lying. I hope as far as they are by Governor Din-  
widdie states himself that he shall be able to have 1000  
Virginians ready to form a Body in case we should be  
march over the Alleghany Mountains to construct some  
place of Defence on the western side of them. This he  
may see his plan executed; but the frequent Quarrels  
from the Provincials since they have lost all dread of  
severe Punishment by the Regulars having them incline me  
to entertain some fears that there will be great difficulty  
in marching such a Body of Provincials keeping them  
together than Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie seems to imagine. We  
are told that several Indians have been lately killed in  
Virginia by their Hanging Parties & that a Quaker from  
Fort Duquesne is come into that Province who says  
that the French at that Fort are not less than 2000  
who are under the Command of one Count Frontenac  
Scotchman that was himself in the late Action with  
near 2000 Indians. I have not heard that any Enemy has  
been seen in this Province since Colo ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
but the people who dwell beyond Tonoloway  
where Lieut<sup>t</sup> Stoddert & 15 Men have built a Station  
Fort have I am informed all left their Plantations so  
that the Country is deserted for 30 Miles Eastward of Colo  
Crawley's who is also removing or removed down to Core