

them (as he does the Assemblies of the Neighbouring Colonies will theirs) to consult with him on the most proper measures to be taken for the general Interest & our common Cause & stipulate for the further necessary Supplies that each Province shall furnish before the ensuing Spring. but this I imagine is absolutely impracticable in our present Circumstances however I shall consult with his Ex^{ty} Council thereon & take their Advice whether I shall meet our Assembly before I receive his Ex^{ty}'s farther Instructions for my Conduct. Geo^o Dinwiddie informs me that finding no Assistance was to be expected from Maryland or Pensilva he has given over all thoughts of constructing a Place of Defence on the western Side of the Mountains this Winter but his Officers are Levying Men to compleat Col^o Washingtons Regiment which is to be disciplined during the Winter & sendet fit for Action early in the Spring - we learn that many Families who lived on Pattisons Creek have been lately killed, carried away, or burnt in their Houses by a Party of Indians who infest that part of Virg^a where I hear murdered & taken Captive three or four of our Inhabitants within a few Miles of Fort Cumberland. The Garrison at that place consists of about 150 effective Men who since the Departure of Col^o Innes to Carolina are expected under the Command of Capt Dargworthy who is the eldest Officer. I was in hopes of being favoured with a Letter by Montgomery but as he has been now arrived in Virginia almost a Month without sending me any I conclude he has not charged himself therewith. Be kind enough to send the inclosed to B^o & believe me to be with the greatest Respect