

me that all the Troops which have been raised in Carolina are  
at Gen. Shirley's Request transported to New York & as the Pennsylvania's  
have not & are not likely to grant any farther Supplies I give over  
all thoughts of doing any Expedition undertaken in these parts this  
Summer especially as we have no Artillery & are very ill provided with  
Arms & Ammunition, neither could Magazines be now laid in time  
enough for a Campaign nor a sufficient Body of Men collected be-  
fore the Season would be too far advanced. Affairs being thus  
situated I am preparing to set off for the Frontiers to put them  
in the best Posture of Defence that the Law will permit & have  
a strong Fort constructed on the North Mountain; I learn that  
all the Forces to the Northward are in Motion towards the places of  
their respective Destination but unless the Troops that we are bid to  
expect from England arrive time enough to join them I am not with-  
some apprehensions that the Campaign will not be closed so success-  
fully & happily as we all wish. The Virginians are about to compleat  
their Regiment commanded by Col. Washington with Drafts from the  
Militia of that Colony but I do not conceive that it will be possible  
for them to attempt any thing more this Summer than oppose the  
Inursions of the Savages & prevent the entire Depopulation of their  
Frontier Counties. I have not heard that any Mischief has been lately done  
in either Virg. or Am. but as it is the Custom of Indians to return home  
after an Engagement for a short time this is easily accounted for & we  
being desir'd to have them upon the Frontiers in greater Numbers, however  
sure our people will now be in some Measure prepared for them & that  
they will not be able to repeat their Barbarities in this Province with  
Impunity. I believe I shall return again to Annapolis in about a Month  
when I shall do myself the honour in another Lett. to desire that Y<sup>r</sup>  
Ldy. will receive me to be Y<sup>r</sup> Obedt. Servant & that I may be  
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