

when they were prest to leave Winchester & to join the Army at Carlisle  
many of them declared that they did not come with any Intention to  
act in conjunction with our Forces but only to see their Brethren of  
Virg. & to talk with them about Trade, as they were returning home in  
different Parties some of them plundered many of the Inhabitants on the  
Frontiers of Virg. & used them extremely ill which it is said provoked  
the People so much that they assembled & fired on one of the Parties where  
by several of the Cherokees were killed. About 50 of these People however  
continue with our Forces & it is hoped that they will remain with the  
General to the End of the Campaign. We are told that the French  
have not been able to send any Provisions from Canada this Spring to their  
Garrisons on this Side the Lakes which has much alarmed them, however  
I doubt not but the Troops at Fort Du Quesne will before long be  
thither receive Supplies from the Settlements they have made down the  
Ohio. The last accounts that we have received concerning that Fort  
was to the following purport, that the Garrison consists of about 500  
men, but that most of them go over the Ohio every Morning to work  
on a Fort which the French are building about half a Mile beyond  
that River. Mr. Calvert having intimated to me that Your S<sup>d</sup> was  
desirous of having some dried Rattle Snakes, I sent home some of them  
powdered by a Ship of Col. Loya which was to have sailed about  
the End of May, since I have been here I have collected a Dozen  
more which I shall send by the first Vessel that sails from this Province.

Copy of the 70<sup>th</sup> Letter to Mr. Calvert dated at Fort Frederick the  
10<sup>th</sup> of July 1750. Transmitted by

S. In the Letter that I wrote from the Mouth of Conegocheig the  
11<sup>th</sup> of June I told You that the General seem'd inclined to take the