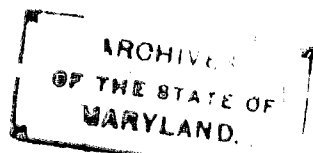


First Lt after of Receipt of Commission.

Williamsburg in Virginia. July 25. 1734.

Wm. Robertson

Right Honourable



I take the Liberty by this first Opportunity most gratefully to acknowledge the Receipt of His Majesty's most gracious Favour which was presented me by Govern. Dobb last Saturday together with a Letter which Yourself was pleased to honour me with the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. I intreat you to assure His Majesty that No one can be more truly sensible of the honour He has been pleased to confer on me than I am & that it shall be my constant Study & Endeavour to manifest the most dutiful & punctual Obedience to His Royal Pleasure now signified to me & to whatever future Commands & Instructions I may have the Satisfaction to receive. On Governour Dennes's intimating to me the Receipt of His Majesty's Orders I immediately set out for this place to take his Advice how I may best execute the Commission. I found myself honoured with, for His Majesty's Service, & to consult with him about taking the most expedient Measures for the Defence of His Majesty's Dominions on the Continent at this time & with the small Force that we shall be able to collect this winter or early in the ensuing Spring. In pursuance of His & Governour Dobb's Advice & Approbation I propose if possible to raise 700 Men immediately who will I hope (if a very severe Season does not soon set in) be able, in conjunction with the 3 Independant Companies to carry the Fort called Fort DuQuene which the French have built upon