

honourable, that he did not stand longer on the Defensive
he attributes to the great improbability there was of holding
out against such a Superiority of Numbers which he had
not any Expectations of seeing the other Troops come to his
Assistance & being also in want of both Ammunition &
Provisions. but that he was prevailed on to sign a dishonourable
Capitulation is owing he declares & concurrent Circumstances
support his Assertion not to these Difficulties but to the
Infidelity of one of his Captains now a Hostage with the
Enemy on whom he depended to interpret to him the
Terms & Conditions proposed to him by the Enemy which
were written in French a Language that Mr Washington
had the misfortune to be entirely unacquainted with
thus at once were frustrated all the hopes that had been
conceived from the Virginia Armament & tho the News
of this Defeat has somewhat alarmed the people in
this part of the Continent yet they could not be persuaded
to advance any thing considerable for carrying on another
Expedition against these Invaders who I am afraid will
gradually make themselves Masters of our Possessions as
they have already of all the Indian Trade unless some
measures be taken at home to oblige us to defend them
ourselves or Remittances be made hither to encourage the
Service. At present the Independant Companies a
Company of 100 Men which this Province has raised
of the Remains of the Virginians whom Death & Desertions