

Let^r to Sr Tho: Robinson Gov: 3 inna polis
Right Honourable

Took the Liberty the 25th of last Month from Virginia to make my most grateful Acknowledgments for the Receipt of his Majesty's most gracious Commission together with a Letter which yourself had been pleased to honour me with by Governor Dobbs who had but a few Days before arrived. lest any Accident should occasion the Loss of the Letter that I then begged leave to address to you I seize this Opportunity of repeating the Contents of it & of intreating you if you think proper to assure his Majesty that I am extremely sensible of the honour that he has been pleased to confer on me that it shall be the Business of my Life to manifest my Duty to his Majesty & my constant Study & endeavours to pay the most exact & punctual Obedience to his Royal Pleasure which you have now been pleased to acquaint me with & to whatever future Commands & Instructions I may have the Honour & Satisfaction to receive. On Governor Lencierdie's intimating to me his Receipt of His Majesty's Orders to himself & me I immediately set out for that place to take his Advice how I may best execute the Commission I found myself honoured with & to consult with him what measures it would be most expedient to take 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 & Governor Dobbs Advice & Approbation I propose to raise Seven Hundred Men with all possible Expedition who will I hope (if a very severe Season does not soon set in) be able in Conjunction with the three Independ^{ants}