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us with the most fatal Consequences. of the Expediency of this
which we are of ourselves insufficient to perform & the unhappy
Condition of these Colonies at present I am persuaded you are
extremely sensible, I will therefore hope that you will recom-
mend this Affair to your Assembly in such a manner as
to incline them to send us such Supplies of New England
Troops or Money as our present Situation does really call
for & require
I am &c

Annapolis Decem^r. 10. To Govern^r. Dinwiddie

Sir I returned last Thursday from Mills Creek where I found
the Independants preparing for themselves Barracks, having already
completed the small Moccasin Fort about which you were
advised they had been employed; but as the Fort they have finished
is exceedingly small its Exterior Side not exceeding 120 feet I conceive
it requisite, or rather absolutely necessary to have another much
larger raised on an adjacent & more elevated piece of Ground which
I have ordered the Maryland Company to proceed on & I hope
they will be able to finish it this Winter. The Eminence on
which it will be situated gives it an entire Command of that
already completed & will defend a Face of that small Fort to
which an Enemy might at present approach without being
much annoyed or hardly seen from within, however that on
which the Troops have been employed may be useful at present
& will serve to enclose Store Houses or a Magazine after the other
is completed which I think by an advanced Outwork or two
will be easily defended against a considerable Number of Troops
that may presume to attack it with only a light Train, At
my Arrival at the Camp I was much surpris'd & concern'd to