

at Little Creek a party of these People being ignorant what
Agreement or Treaty these Warriors of their Nation at Little Creek
had made; before the Return of them home marched off to
attack the Catawba Nation upon this Intelligence I sent off
a Messenger to the Catawbas to advise them what Enemies they
may expect to be attacked by & to what Cause such a proceeding
of the Six Nation Party is owing lest they should have deemed
this Attack on them to be a Breach of Faith after such a
Treaty had been held at Little Creek & I hope the Messenger
will not find any Difficulty in prevailing with them not-
withstanding this Affair to be present at the Treaty to be held
next Spring at Winchester. I have this Moment received
a Letter from Colonel Innes acquainting me that he
had received Intelligence by an Indian of the Arrival of 1100
French & 200 Canuagas & 70 Adirondacks at Fort De Duane
& that 100 French & 200 Canuagas & Ottawa's were at the
Head of Ohio ready to come down that as soon as the Adiron-
dacks came to the Fort the French Commandant
sent them in 3 Divisions against the English Back Inhabitants
but whether against the Inhabitants of Virginia or this
Province the Indian could not learn. The same Indian informed
him also that 300 French Families have settled this Fall
at Madecah on this Side the Turightwee & not far from the
Magach Town. Apprehensive that such a great Reinforcement
will not lie idly inactive this winter I have writ to Colo.
Stevens ordering him to get every thing ready for a march
to the Camp & to let me know what Day the Troops will
be ready to march that I might take a Ride thither &
Review them before their Departure & I believe that as soon
as I shall have dispersed our Assembly who are to meet