

equal to any there. The Officers who bore his Majesty's
 Commission would not deign to rank with those who served un-
 der his Governour's Commission: in vain were my Attempts to
 persuade them to agree tho' I proposed the same Scheme which
 I find is now come with a Sanction from home. Such jealous-
 ies & Contentions subsisted between the Officers of the Carolina
 Independants & the Virg. Regiment that their Meeting would
 have been attended with innumerable Mischiefs & Confusion,
 perhaps the greater the Number of such Troops as than the
 greater had been the Danger of a Miscarriage had I ventured
 to make an Attempt. You can easily guess that I did not
 entertain very sanguine hopes after this my Visit to the Camp
 I had writ to the several Colonies for Supplies but received scarcely
 hopes of Assistance from any other & but very little from my own
 Governour. The Scurvies went on very slowly, what a figure the
 Virginia Recruits even at this time make you will know I
 doubt not without a hint from me: To have attempted anything
 & failed of Success must have been attended with the entire Loss
 of such Indians as have hitherto seemed or appeared to be in
 our Interest. in these Circumstances what could be done beside
 giving necessary Orders to protect our Frontiers till the Arrival
 of the Troops from Europe (which Setters had by this time
 bid us expect) should make things put on a better face. that
 nothing however might be wanting on my part to show my
 Duty to his Majesty & promote the Service of these Colonies
 I again met our Assembly but the same Cause as had before
 again disappointed my wishes. The Majesty's the Proprietary
 Interest & Instructions must be made to clash as money is to be
 raised unless his Lordship's private Claims be made submit to
 the Demands & Caprice of an infatuated Assembly. I have
 met them once more on the same Account but fear the issue