

Mouth of Monongahela River which summons it seems
 toward without firing a ~~gun~~^{shot} or the least hesitation obey-
 ed being terrified at the appearance of so numerous an
 Enemy while the Company with him did not exceed 30
 Men. He was permitted to retire with all his Men, Arms
 Ammunition, Working Tools & Provision, to the English Inhabitants
 & the Enemy immediately proceeded to erect a Fort with the
 Nationals Tent had been collecting & near the Spot on
 which he had begun to build. In May I again met the
 Assembly of this Province & repeated my Solicitations for
 Supplies to support the Virginians in the Expedition they
 were undertaking but our People would not as yet see things
 in their proper light & seemed to think the Occasion of
 the present Dispute was who should possess Lands the
 Lord knows where, by the Determination of which they
 would reap no Benefit seeing the Lands were already
 granted by his Majesty to the Ohio Company. This occasioned
 another Prorogation, only I must observe that I did with
 difficulty obtain at this time £500 as a present to the
 Indians who were to meet Commissioners from the several
 Colonies in July. The next Intelligence that I received was
 "that while Col^o. Washington was employing his Men in opening a
 Road from Mills Creek toward the Ohio a party of his Command
 had on the 27th of May fallen in with a Detachment of about
 30 Men from the French Fort on Ohio under the Command
 of Louis Jumeville upon which a Shirmish ensued & Jume-
 ville with 70th of his Detachment was killed & the rest
 (excepting 2 or 3) made prisoners sent to the Governor of Virg^a.
 The first week in June Col^o. Fry fell from his horse which
 occasioned his Death & thereupon Col^o. Washington succeeded
 in the chief Command. The 9th of July a Lett^r was sent
 me by Col^o. Innes informing me that he had just reached