

Winchester in Virginia at the Head of the Carolina Troops consisting of 100 Men but that they were for want of a Magazine in Carolina unarmed & that he had also found himself disappointed in his Expectations of having some Arms sent him from Williamsburg to Winchester: On this Representation & at his earnest Request I sent immediately to Winchester 100 Stand of Arms for the Use of the Companies under his Command. About the Middle of July we received the News of Col. Washington's Defeat on the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst by about 700 (as it now appears) of the French Troops that were sent out (as soon as an Account of Sumner's Misfortune reached the French Fort) under the Command of Capt Villier & another Commissioned Officer to attack the English Troops wherever they could find them. Some Acc<sup>ts</sup> of this unhappy Engagement & the Dishonourable Capitulation that was the consequence of it you have long since seen; I believe Washington & the Officers under his Command when they received Intelligence of the Enemy's Approach some Days before the Battle would have taken very different measures from w<sup>h</sup> they did if there had been no Pique or Disagreement concerning Rank between the Virginia Officers & those of the Independant Companies commanded by Capt. Madsen. On being informed of the Enemy's near Approach they retired to a little wood<sup>d</sup> kind of Intrenchment in a Valley between two Eminences where the Independant Company posted themselves in the Ditch the Virginians being drawn up in Order within. The French came in sight about Noon & immediately took possession of one of the Eminences where every Soldier found a large Tree for his Shelter from the fire of the English & placing himself behind it fired away on the Troops beneath as fast as he could load. This continued some time & more than 30 of the English fell thereby but towards Evening Capt Villier who commanded the French finding that the