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muster at Colo. Cresaps. At the same time I received a Letter  
from Col. Washington at Albemarle wherein he acquainted  
that he was in hourly Expectations of Money & Orders from Gov.  
Dinwiddie to conduct the Virg<sup>a</sup> Troops & join the Independants  
who then rendezvoused at Wills Creek, but before many Days  
had elapsed I was informed by Gov. Dinwiddie himself  
that he had just then been obliged to prorogue the Assembly  
of that Province because they would not grant a Sum of Money  
for the Service, in such a manner as he could concur with. This  
Circumstance says he has made me give over all Thoughts of  
acting this Fall especially as the Virg<sup>a</sup> Troops by their Defeat  
Deaths & Desertions are now reduced to 150 & the Carolina  
Forces have all disbanded themselves which was occasioned  
by a monstrous Management of them from the Beginning. They  
raised £12000. prock<sup>d</sup> Money. The President of that Colony  
gave the private Men 3/ a Day & the Officers in proportion  
so that their Money was wholly expended before they joined  
the other Forces & w<sup>d</sup> serve no longer without Assurance of  
the above pay. Under these great Disappointments I determine  
to keep the few people we have in pay & propose 100 of them  
to march to Wills Creek to join the Independant Companies  
& to endeavour to secure a Pass over the Allegany Mountains  
by erecting a Fort & leaving a sufficient Number of Men  
therein with a proper Quantity of Provisions to facilitate  
our Operations next Spring which is all I think possible to  
be done now. In October Governor Dobbs arrived as I before  
informed you & while I was at Williamsburg the Assembly of  
that Govt. granted £20000 more for the Service which however  
will not be all raised till that time twelve month. Gov. D.  
Dinwiddie had also received £10000 from England with Li-  
berty to draw Bills for as much more out of which he  
promised to remit all his Officers Money immediately to go