

General should think proper to leave there, should be maintained  
 the Expence of Additional works which He should think necessary  
 to make there, should be defrayed by the Govern<sup>ts</sup> of Virg<sup>a</sup> Maryland  
 Pennsylvania, & that if the General should think it necessary to build  
 Fort upon Lake Erie the Expence thereof & garrisoning it should  
 likewise be defrayed by those three Govern<sup>ts</sup>. These three Colonies  
 being to be at the Expence of supporting <sup>sup</sup> the two posts I conceive  
 it will be thought proper to establish a Regiment in these Colonies  
 to garrison them as less than a Regiment will not be sufficient for  
 that Service for the Men will expect to be relieved sometimes  
 in that Case. I hope your good Offices will procure me the  
 Command thereof as I have good reason to think neither of the  
 other Governours will be found my Opponents.

May 7. 1755 General Braddock

My Lord

As I have been most earnestly solicited & importuned on my  
 Return home thro this place by one M<sup>r</sup> Saunders (a person whose  
 Behaviour & Conduct on all Occasions make me very desirous of  
 serving him) to apply to your Excellency & favourably represent his  
 Case. They leave to trouble you on his Accot<sup>s</sup> & beg the Discharge of  
 four Servants of his that were enlisted by Lieut<sup>t</sup> Proberton just  
 as he was leaving Procht Creek. The petitioner has a Ship on the  
 Stocks which these 4 Servants were employed in building & fitting  
 for Sea others of the same Trade cannot be procured, whereby the  
 vessel must remain unfinished & the Owner receive a prodigious  
 Detriment unless by my Intercession he can be favourably heard  
 by your Excellency & procure the Servants Discharge. I have  
 ventured to give him hopes of succeeding if he can procure so  
 many young & unexceptionable persons to serve & enlist in  
 their stead this he is endeavouring to accomplish <sup>as will I believe be able to</sup> within four or  
 five Days when I will take Care to have them marched to Procht  
 Creek & shall think myself much obliged if your Excellency will  
 order them to be accepted & the Servants dismissed, or if you please