

June 9th Governor Morris

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Sr. Your Letters dated the 29th of May, & 2^d of June I have received & also one from General Braddock much to the same purport with that of which you sent me a Copy. A Duplicate was also sent to Gov. Dinwiddie, which was laid before the Virginia Assembly that was then sitting & he tells me they have thereupon granted £6000 for the Uses & Services for which the General solicits Supplies. if these Govern^{rs} only follow the Example I hope we shall find no Difficulty in complying with his Excellency's Desire & Requisition, if they should be averse to making such a Provision. I know not what can be done, but this is certain that the Leaving any Troops at Fort du Quare without a Sufficiency of military Stores & Provisions must be attended with the worst Consequences, & these Provinces will I doubt severely feel the Effects of it, rather than such an Event should happen if we had Provisions I would make a Trial whether our Militia could not be taken out to Escort & convey them thither: I flatter myself your Assembly will not refuse to furnish some Supplies of that Sort & then whatever be the Issue of our Gentlemen's Meeting; a few Cannon some Arms & Ammunition shall be sent from this place. I have writ to Sir J. for Governor Dinwiddie's Opinion hereon, & to know by what means he would have us contribute to the Service in case we cannot succeed so far as to obtain the Supplies now asked for such important purposes. I really think the French & their Indians will execute their Threats against the Back Inhabitants in hopes thereby to retard or recall the Forces that are marched under the Command of General Braddock, I have notified that piece of Intelligence to our distant Inhabitants & cautioned particular them by a proclamation to be on their Guard & unite for their mutual Defence.