

carried off 8 prisoners. Another party at the same time fell on the Inhabitants of Virg. who are settled at a Distance, they say that 11 of them have been found murdered & many others who are missing are supposed to have been carried off, I immediately apprized our Assembly thereof & desired them to enable me to raise a company of Rangers to prevent such accidents for the future, in answer they presented the inclosed Address, but postponed the making suitable provision till Monday Morning. He pleased to let Mr Wm peruse this & deliver or send the inclosed

Governor Morris. June 30. 1758

Sr I send this Express at Governor Dinwiddies Desire with two Letters that I have just rec^d from Virg. General Braddock acquaints me that he was the 22nd Inst. advanced 40 Miles from Fort Cumberland towards the Ohio. the Madnes of the Roads & the Mountains have much distressed & retarded him. His advanced Guard had discovered a small Body of French at a Distance who upon the Approach of our Troops retired, Lt. Monatoocha the Half King, who had fallen into their hands escape. Saturday Morning I received Letters from both Indies & some of our distant Inhabitants informing me that this Day sennight a Party of Indians fell upon some of the Inhabitants of Frederick City of whom they killed three & carried off eight prisoners. The Body of a French Indian was found lying by those of the three English who were murdered, we are also told that eleven People have been killed by Indians in the Back-Parts of Virg. Upon my communi- cating this Intelligence to our Assembly they presented me an Address of which I have inclosed you a Copy. The Master of a Ship who left London the 6th of May reports that the West-Indy Fleet had sailed with a considerable Body of Troops on board was sailed some imagined for America & others to make a Desert in Ireland, Admirals Hawke & Moughten were also sailed His Majesty was gone to visit his German Colonies ~