

July 6. 1758. John Sharpe Esq

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Our Assembly is still sitting having yet done nothing in Compliance with my Recommendation or Requests. The old Obstacles occur & will, I believe oblige me to prorogue the Assembly to Morrow. By Letters from our Backs Inhabitants that have been received since those mentioned in my last Letter I am inform'd that 12 more of the distant Settlers have been killed or carried away prisoners & that a Party of Indians were seen the 29th Ult^o 100 Miles within our Settlements. I am satisfied the Assembly will never recede from the points that his Lops Instructions oblige me to ~~insist~~ insist on tho' half the Province should be depopulated; & to see the poor Inhabitants who are ~~to~~ near the frontiers in such distressed Circumstances with^t being able to relieve or protect them gives me great Concern & Uneasiness; besides I am not without Apprehensions that when Gen^l. Forde has taken the French Forts on the Ohio the French will immediately recover & repossess them; for without Compulsion these Colonies will not support a Garrison these or supply it with Ammunition or provisions.

July 8. 1758. Dinwiddie

In the inclosed Packet I have just rec^d from Gov^r Morris, Our Assembly is still sitting but I believe I shall be obliged to prorogue them to Day, as they seem determin'd to grant no Supplies not even for the protection of our Frontiers on which Parties of Indians are daily committing Depredations, I have Acc^ts of their having killed & carried away 26 of our distant Inhabitants & that a Party of them have been seen not far from Conegoogee near 100 Miles within our Settlements.