

Government's unwisdom, for want of Pay mutinous: the Messengers
 Company was at that time incomplete & undisciplined, but I
 may be content see them, were not inferior to any of the Best.
 The Officers who were honoured with his Majesty's Commission
 would not design to fight with those who served ~~under~~ ^{under} them
 at his Majesty's Government; nor was my Attempt to
 invade them to equal, tho' I propose the same Scheme ^{which}
 was once with a Sanction from home; Such pretences &
 Charges raised between the Officers of the Carolina Troop
 & the Virg^o Regiment that their Meeting would have
 been attended with innumerable Mischief & Confusion, perhaps
 the greater the Number of such Troops as there be greater
 had been the Danger of a Misadventure had I ventured to make
 an Attempt. I had solicited the several Neighbouring Colonies
 for Supplies but raised scarcely hopes of Assistance from any
 other, but very little from my own Gov^t. The Series went
 on very slowly the Veterans shewed no Inclinations to be
 to be persuaded to bear Arms. to have attempted any thing
 of Success must have been attended with the entire
 loss of such Troops as have hitherto served, or appeared to be
 in our Interest. In these Circumstances I shall not be
 condemned I hope for not acting Offensively: finding that
 impracticable I posted what Troops we had in such a
 manner as they will best protect our Frontiers till the
 Arrival of the Troops from Europe (which I have had by
 this time had we expect), had I made things put on a better
 Face I returned ~~back~~ in December, & endeavoured once
 more to obtain some Money of the Assembly with which I
 might be able to make some Provision; but Matters in our
 Government might facilitate the general Dispositions with