

of the same Fund I shall support the Maryland Company that was with the General which is now at Fort Cumberland with the N Carolina & the Remains of the Virg^a Forces. I found by Col^o Dunbar & the other Officers that I visited at the Fort that there had been many unhappy Divisions in the Army that General Braddock commanded, himself & the two Colonels were scarcely on speaking Terms & very few beside four or five Favourites mention him with Regret. It has been hinted to me that in case he had succeeded against the Fort the several Companies that have been raised in & that are supported by these Provinces would have been regimented & given to Lieut^o Col^o Norton of Dunbars, Capt Morris one of the Aid de Camps was to have been Lieut^o Col^o & Capt Dobson Major & Capt Orme the other Aid de Camp was to have succeeded Norton as Lieut^o Colonel in the Regiment that Dunbar commands. This it is said the General requested by Letters that were sent home before the Action but possibly the unhappy Turn that Affairs have now taken may prevent the Ministry's Compliance with the Request. Inclosed You have an Exact & Regimental Return of the Officers & Men that fell in the Action, of them that were wounded & those that escaped unhurt. Some few have since died of their Wounds at Fort Cumberland where the Hospital yet remains. [It is] Blair was shot thro the Body under the Right Shoulder but is in a fair way to recover & I expect him here in a fortnight or three weeks. It was I think as extraordinary a Defeat & as was heard of, his supposed that the Indians who that Day opposed General Braddock were not less than 1500 or 2000