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providence if the Enemy should come against the Fort  
with any considerable Number of Men & Artillery. I am apt  
to think the Gov<sup>r</sup> should have Orders to set fire to it &  
retire after destroying whatever he may find himself unable  
to bring off.

Gover<sup>r</sup> Morris. August 29. 1756.

I detain Gover<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie's Express a Moment to acknow-  
ledge by him the Receipt of your Favour of the 20<sup>th</sup>. I am  
sorry to learn that not even the present melancholly Situation  
of Affairs in this Quarter could weigh with your Assembly to  
grant some Supplies in such a manner as you could accept  
them. The Example they have set is too grateful to our Soldiers  
for me to give them an Opportunity of pursuing a similar  
Scheme or expressing themselves in such Language unless I  
shall receive more particular Instructions from England, or the  
Enemy make an Attempt on Fort Cumberland, which by all  
I can find Gov<sup>r</sup> Innes begins to expect. - It is said that  
his Command a fortnight ago consisted of only 100 Men, if  
they have since gone off in the same proportion I shall  
next expect to hear it is entirely relinquished. The Indians  
have done a good Deal of mischief in several parts of Virg<sup>a</sup>.  
but they have not made our people any Visits since the  
Engagement; however the distant Inhabitants are so terrified  
at the Reports they hear that they are leaving their Plantations  
and retreating to the more populous parts  
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