

1335

expected from either of these Provinces towards carrying on
another Expedition to the westward till the Legislature of
great Britain shall compel us is proceeding to receive
your immediate Commands in the Province of York.

The Provincial Troops that were left to Garrison Fort
Cumberland I hear desert daily near a fortnight since
they had reduced themselves to 100, & Gov. Hines tells me he
is not without Apprehensions of being attacked or invested
by the French & their Indians, who according to some
Intelligence he has lately received have discovered & dug up
the Artillery & Stores that Col^o Dunbar buried in his Retreat, &
were about to construct some Place of Defence at Cold Springs
Encampment. The Virg^o Assembly has granted £40,000
for the Service & Gov^o Dinwiddie speaks of raising 1200
Men therewith & sending them to build a Fort somewhere near
the Meadows or just over the Allegany Hills, but I doubt he
will scarcely execute such a Scheme for it will require
no small Number of Men to protect the Frontiers of that
Province w^{ch} have been much infested by Indians since
Gen^l Bradocks Misfortune. The Inhabitants who dwell
in the distant parts of Virg^o on New Rivers & that called
Green River have all left their Plantations: Our People
too have many of them fled to the more populous Parts of
the Country tho' no Enemy has lately appeared on this
Side Potomack River — Besides Capt Dagworths
Company / that followed the Gen^l which is now at