

England to disembark the Regiments in Virg^a & proceed directly towards Fort Duquesne
But will perhaps account for his not pursuing a Plan which I think would at that
time have been much more eligible. I am sorry to find the Scheme for raising so
many Regiments here under Swiss Officers is approved of because no Step could have
been taken that would have been more disagreeable to his Majesty's American Subjects
because I took upon it as absolutely impracticable. Have the few established Regi-
ments notwithstanding they entertained Servants without Distinction been unable to
complete themselves because the Recruiting Officers were not Natives of the Country; had
the Virginians sunk so many Thousand Pounds without being able to raise & keep 500
Men because Governor Dinwiddie could not help shewing whence he came by his Name
nation of the Officers? & can it be supposed that 4000 of our Inhabitants will hasten to
enlist & serve under Foreigners for I shall be much deceived if these Swiss are not esta-
blished as such by the Germans who have for any considerable time resided among us as
well as by the English. Whence comes it that such Numbers have been speedily col-
lected in the Northern Provinces? must it not be attributed to the Officers Commissions
being given to popular Gentlemen who raise their Men in their respective Neighbourhoods
& in a Month or two a Regiment is completed: It is not for want of Men in these
Parts that I must go to N. England for such an Instance, but before I say any thing
more on this Topic let me express my Gratitude for Your constant Solitude &
Endeavours to do me Service, had You succeeded so far as to obtain for me the post
of Honour & Profit that Brother John & Yourself have been indefatigable in soliciting
I could not believe me have thought myself more obliged than I do at present nor have
been more visibly affected with Your Kindness & affectionate Behaviour: It would
not I think become me to desire You to forbear using Your Interest in my favour but
I do make it my earnest Request that no Step or Measure might be taken to promote
one which may put it out of Your Power or make it more difficult for You to serve
him or those whose Merit more particularly entitles them & whose Circumstances more
strongly recommend them to Your affectionate Regard. but could I by Your Means
obtain such a Colonel's Commission as would give me a Right to half-pay & at the
same time a power to raise a Regiment in this Province to be paid from home but
called a Provincial Regiment I think I could soon convince the Puritzers that they
are not the most proper Persons to be sent to raise Men in these Parts, & I am inclined
to think that if His Majesty was pleased to grant such a Commission, & empower me
as Governor of Maryland to commissionate all the Officers at least under the Major
some Money might be saved to the Nation by the Number of Half-pay Officers at
the End of this American War being much less than it will be if different Measures