

acquainted the Earl of Loudoun with our Assembly's refusing to put the  
Troops that they had agreed to support under Your immediate Command not  
withstanding <sup>his</sup> Your Ld's Requisition & I am glad to find that he has repre-  
sented the Affair home in much the same Light that I had done & I hope  
thereupon to receive such Instructions to lay before the Assembly at their next  
Meeting as will convince them that their late Conduct with respect to this Matter  
does not meet with His Majesty's Approbation. As I expect that Capt  
Dagworthy & Mr Poff have or will make some Application to You concern-  
ing the Provisions that were left by the Virginians at Fort Cumberland. I  
shall just mention a few Circumstances that it may be proper for You to be  
acquainted with. When the Earl of Loudoun was pleased to order that Fort  
Cumberland should be garrisoned by Maryland Troops Governor Dinwiddie  
observed that a considerable Quantity of Provisions was laid in there by the  
Virga Commissary & asked me if I should be willing that they should be  
left for the Use of the Maryland Troops that were to march thither  
& if in such Case I would order a like Quantity to be laid in at Winches-  
ter. I told the Governor that I thought his Offer was an Advantageous  
one for the Person that should engage to victual our Troops & said I did  
not doubt but it would be readily accepted, but I observed to him at the  
same time that the Care of victualling as well as of cloathing our Men was  
left to certain Persons appointed by the Assembly & who were not dependent  
on me or obliged to obey my Orders. On my mentioning to Mr Poff what  
had passed between Governor Dinwiddie & me, he said that he should  
not fail to deliver at Winchester Provisions in lieu of what the Virginians  
may leave at Fort Cumberland & thereupon I told Capt Dagworthy  
when I ordered him to march thither that the Men under his Command  
were to be victualled with the Provisions that he should find in the Fort  
He soon after made me a Return of what had been dtd to him by Lieut  
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