

long against them I am at a Loss to account for the continued fire of
cannon that was heard from the Beginning to the End of the Day that the
loaded, for I can scarcely think that they could approach so nigh as to
reach the Garrison or to be themselves disturbed by Musquetry from the Fort
in so short a time after they appeared. I do not know what vigorous Measures
Your People may be induced to take by such a Loss as that of Fort William
Henry would be but I am persuaded that I do the Assembly of this Province
no Justice in believing that they look on all Advanced Posts in the light
that they do Fort Cumberland & that they would not be very sorry at any
accident which would relieve from the Charge of supporting that Place.
if the Enemy should march any considerable Body to attack that Fort
as the Prisoners that have escaped from them say they will I am afraid
we shall make but an indifferent Figure here also, for tho' I cannot
think that a Number of Men may be prevailed on to march out of
Virg: this Province on such an Emergency yet they would be very slow
in their Motions & ill provided with Arms, & Fort Cumberland is not a Place
that can stand a Siege. I am very glad to find that You are so well
pleas'd with the Behaviour of the Indians that met You lately at Essex &
that You entertain such sanguine hopes that their future Conduct will be
agreeable to the promises that they have now made. what You intimate concerning
the Behaviour of some of Your People who have trusted themselves so much of late
with these Indians excites my Curiosity greatly. I shall therefore be much oblig'd
to You for a Copy of the Minutes that were taken at Your late meeting when
You shall be pleas'd to favour me with one, & have leisure to give me some Ac-
count of those Gentl^{ms} Transactions. I was report'd here a few Days ago that some
of the Churches who were at Winchester had withstood one of the felicitous
& thundered them all after the most insolent manner but I am now told by
an Officer from Fort Frederick that there was not much foundation for the
Story & that the Indians are strongly reconcil'd. I am told that the Royal