

Men are to be raised to garrison it & patrol or range on our Frontiers; in Casa Trope
were to be raised by You & the Neighboring Colonies to act in conjunction & together form
a sufficient body of Men to act offensively or carry on an Expedition to the Westward
I am to have Liberty to raise more Men in Maryland & to expend £20,000 on such
Expedition. By what I can learn Your Regiment does not yet amount to 500, which
I am afraid are not found more than enough to garrison Fort Cumberland & keep open the
communication between that place & the Inhabitants; if You are of a different Opinion
or should Your Assembly enable You to complete the Regiment or support any considerable
Number of Troops I shall be much obliged to You for informing me by Express what
Number You can engage to furnish for an Expedition that I might give Directions accord-
ingly, for as I have already hinted I cannot see our Bill should pass proceed to raise more
than 200 Men before I have received Assurance that they will be joined by a certain &
proportionable Number from Virg^a & one or more of the Neighbouring provinces. I have
not heard that much mischief has been lately done on our Frontiers but if there had I am
convinced by Experience that it would be impossible for me to get the Militia to move &
oppose the Enemy. At present Capt Dagworth's Company & two or three Parties of
Rangers are posted at about Conegocheigh to keep the Inhabitants a little easy & together
till the Assembly come to some Conclusion on the Matter that I have recommended to
their Consideration. but I am glad You have taken such a Step to secure the Cherokee
in our Interest & hope it will have a good Effect: what You say of Gov. Glyn's Conduct
does not a little surprise me. The publick papers from Phil^a will show You what
is doing to the Northward. I am advised from England that Lord Loudon is coming over
to command in Chief in America, that some Regiments are ordered from England &
Ireland to N York & that 4000 are to be raised in these provinces & to be commanded
by Swiss German & British Officers intermixed. War was not declared the 20th of March
General Skisley is or will be appointed Gov. of Jamaica. As soon as our Assembly have
come to a final Determination I will send You Advice thereof & in the mean time am &c

To Governor Morris the 16th of May 1756

This is to inform You that both Houses of our Assembly did after having sat them
12 weeks Yesterday agree upon a Bill for granting £4000 for His Majesty's Service
part of which Sum is appropriated for the building & garrisoning a strong Fort on
the North Mountain (which it is determined shall be our Westernmost Frontier) three
thousand pounds for the Cherokees or Southern Indians in Case either of the Neighboring
Colonies