

Colonies shall think proper to send Commissioners in Conjunction with ours to treat with those people, & £20000 towards carrying on any Expedition which shall be undertaken by Pens.^a Virg.^a this Province & any other conjointly. Inclose You a Copy of that Clause of the Act & shall be obliged to You for acquainting me whether Your Assembly will as that of Virg.^a has done contribute their Quota towards carrying on any such Expedition, whether any Commissioners will be sent by You to hold a Treaty with the Southern Indians. I am &c

To John Sharpe Esq^r the 27th of May 1706.

Dr^r Sir

I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter You favoured me with the 5th of Jan^y but as I have writ a long Letter to Br. W.^m that might serve as an Answer to it I shall at present take no farther Notice thereof than to offer & desire You to accept my most grateful Acknowledgments for Your kind Anxiety & generous Endeavours to promote & serve me beyond what I could desire or expect. After sitting 13 Weeks both Houses of our Assembly have agreed on & have passed an Act for granting the Sum of £4000 Currency or £25000 sterling for the Majesty's Service. Eleven of the forty are appropriated to build & support a Fort on the North Mountain at present our Westernmost Frontier the more than 60 Miles on this Side Fort Cumberland & as many to the Eastward of some Settlements that our People had made before these Disturbances happened & continued on some time after General Braddocks's Defeat. To Garrison this Fort & range on the Frontiers two Companies of 100 Men each are to be raised & kept up till next February. The Remainder of the Money granted is to be expended in carrying on an Expedition to the Westward & in making Presents to the Southern Indians, but as the latter is not to be done unless the Neighbouring Governments appoint Commissioners to treat with & make Presents to the Indians also, nor any Troops to be raised in this Province for an Expedition till I have received Assurances from Governor Dinwiddie & Morris that their respective Assemblies will grant a proportionable & reasonable Quota of Men & Money for that Service. I am apt to think that the whole Sum granted except the £1000 abovementioned will remain in Bank till I convene the Assembly again next Spring. I do not apprehend that any part of the Supply Bill will be disagreeable or objected to by His Lordship unless it be a Clause which improves the same Tax on His Lord's Mannor Lands & such others as are leased out as it does on the Lands which have been granted away or patented by the Lords Proprietary & are held & occupied by the Inhabitants of this Province. As I have some reason to think that Your good Services will be absolutely necessary to reconcile

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