

The Inhabitants of North Carolina, in all the Northern Colonies too they
are at present in great Consternation on Account of the Loss of Oswego & our
Naval Force on Ontario Lake, I presume You will have a particular Account of
that Affair long before this can reach You, all we have heard as yet is that
the Garrison consisting of about 3000 made Prisoners by a Body of 6000 French
& Indians that laid Siege to the Fort. This general Account is confirmed to
my Lord Loudoun who has thereupon writ to me for a Number of Recruits for the
Royal American Regiment without the Assistance of which His Lordship seems to think
himself unable to oppose such an Army as the French may possibly march into the
Province of New York. On the Receipt of His Lordship's Letter I met the Assembly yesterday
& have press'd them to comply with His Lordship's Requisition, by appropriating
to that Use part of the Money lately granted for His Majesty's Service, I cannot
judge as yet how far I shall succeed with them, tho' I find they are in general very
averse to sending Men to the Southward & drudging in their own Country
but as the Officers are now at Liberty to enlist Servants I think the most prudent thing
they can do will be to make an Act for raising at once 600 or 600 Men for His
Lordship by drafting the Militia. As soon as the Assembly shall come to some Resolu-
tion on this Matter, I propose to push once more for a strict Militia Law & to petition
them if possible to vote an additional Number of Troops for the Defence of this
Province, If I succeed our Frontiers will I hope be pretty well secured for the
present & we shall have a Number of disciplined Men ready to take the Field
in the Spring if an Expedition should be undertaken to the Westward, As I do
not press our Assembly to raise Money but only to appropriate a Sum that
already exists I hope we shall proceed with Harmony at this time for unless they
should think proper to blame me for constructing the Fort of Stones & Earth
instead of Wood & thereby increasing the Expence of it I do not see how they can
express any Disatisfaction at my Proceedings since last Session - I shall next
week by Mr Wayne's Vessel acquaint You with my Success & with any thing of
Consequence that might happen before that time.

To Governor Dinwiddie the 26th Sept 1756.

I now do myself the Honour to make my Acknowledgments for Your
Letter dated the 20th of Aug^r & the 2^d Inst. I am glad to find Your Accounts
from Major Lewis are so favourable, & that by the Measures You have