

Protection & Defence of these Colonies & by a Letter which I have received
from Fort Frederich. I find that 62 Cherokees are come thither with the
same Design. I have ordered the Express to wait for your Answer the
Receipt of which will afford much Satisfaction to us &c.

To Governor Denny. Baltimore 5th May 1757

Dear Sir

I should not have so long delayed to make my Acknowledgments for the
Copies I received at your hands while I was at Phila. If I could have
conceived that our Assembly would let so many Weeks elapse without coming
to some Resolution upon the Matter that at the Opening of the Session I recom-
mended to their Consideration. They have at length with great Reluctance
impowered me to augment the Troops in the Pay of this Province to five
hundred Men to act as they express themselves in Conjunction with the Forces
that may be raised in the Neighbouring Colonies or ordered to these Parts
for His Majesty's Service & the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants with
this Reserve however that none of our Officers shall have the Chief Command
at Fort Cumberland nor any of the 500 Men placed there as a Standing
Garrison. I have endeavoured to convince them of the Impropriety of such a
Restraint or Prohibition as Lord Loudoun has already ordered a Detachment
of the Maryland Forces thither but they are deaf to all the Arguments
that I can use in favour of the Disposition that was to be made. They
have been told that your Assembly have refused to make Provision for any
Troops that may be transported thence to Carolina & as they are unwilling
to be thought more tractable than their Neighbours they have assured me
that His Lord's Orders concerning the Disposition of our Troops shews that
he is little acquainted with the Situation of Fort Cumberland & the Frontier
of Maryland & that he cannot reasonably expect or desire the Inhabitants
of this Province to support Men to garrison that place, but being still
in hopes that an Expedition will be undertaken to the Westward they have

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