

left it to Colonel Stanwix or the Officer that may be appointed to command
on such an Occasion to draw out of the Province as many of the ⁵⁰⁰ Men
as I shall agree to part with. — Inclosed I send you a Copy of a Message
which was sent to me a few Days ago by Sixty two Cherokee Indians who
were then at Fort Frederick, You will observe that they desire me to notify
their Arrival to you & they hope I presume that you will give them an Inve-
-itation to Pennsylvania. On my recommending it to the Assembly to make some
Provision for their Encouragement & Support during their Stay among us, they
have desired me to send them a small present & to have them supplied with
Provisions & other ^{such} Necessaries as they may stand in need of but as they have
declined appropriating any Sum of Money to their Use except One hundred pounds
for a Present & have on former Occasions convinced me & many others that a
Vote of Credit is not much to be depended on. I am afraid I shall get nobody
to virtual them & that they will not meet with such a Reception here as you.
Dinwiddie has given them reason to expect.

To Governor Dinwiddie. May 9. 1757

Sir
In my Letter of the 5th Inst, I told you, that the Assembly of this Province
had at length framed a Bill, whereby I was impowered, to augment the Troops
in the Pay of this Province, to 500 Men, but that they were very averse to having
any of them posted at Fort: Cumberland, I presume, this arises from an Apprehen-
-sion that if they once undertake to support that place, they shall never afterward
be able to get quit of the Burthen & from a Suspicion that the Expence of
furnishing the Indians who may declare in our favour & come thither with Success
would fall entirely on this Province, was an Officer of ours to have the Chief
Command there, but whatever be their Reasons they have restrained me from
posting any of the Troops in the Pay of this Province as a Standing Garrison
in that Fort & I have been obliged to desire Col. Stanwix, to order a Command
to relieve Capt. Dagworthy as soon as possible, or at least to send some Officer