

To Edmund Althins Esq. June 3. 1757

Sir
Having heard that You are expected at Winchester in a few Days to hold a Treaty with the Indians that are come to Virginia by Governor Dinwiddie's Invitation & to make them a Present I embrace an Opportunity of Conveyance that offers to send You a Copy of a Message that I lately received from a Party of the Cherokees that come to Fort Frederick on the Frontiers of this Province, as our Assembly was sitting I laid the Message before them & they thereupon desired me to send them an Answer together with a small Present: Agreeable to the Request of the Assembly & of the Cherokees I appointed two Gentlemen to meet them at Fort Frederick & to hold a Treaty with them imagining that You was in this returned to So Carolina. As His Majesty has been pleased to appoint You & Sr Willm. Johnson sole Agents for Indian Affairs on this Continent I think it incumbent on me to advise You of what has been done with regard to these Indians in this Govern^t & I have for Your better Information enclosed a Copy of the Report that was made by the above mentioned Gent^l on their Return from the Fort

To Governor Dinwiddie. July 3. 1757.

Sir
I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter dated the 30 of May. It was indeed agreeable to me to have Fort Cumberland garrison'd by some of the Troops in the pay of this Province upon the Virginians being ordered to march thence as the Earl of Loudoun was pleased to approve of such a Disposition. I did immediately on my Return from Phila order Capt. Duquoin to march with a Detach^{mt}ment thither, but as our Assembly seems to take a Pique in shewing their Content^{ts} that they are above all Directions they signified to me by a very plain Address that they disapproved of the Disposition that His L^{ty} had made & of the Orders that I had thereupon given. They should as you above have considered that Fort

Cumberland