

They said that They were Young Men & may have been frightened at the sight
of some Cannon which had been fired at Fort Du Quasne, that they had probably
discovered the Tracts which the Enemy's party had made or perhaps seen the fort
at a Distance & as they may have been much struck with the Sight their Fears
had magnified the Objects that occasioned their Terror. I presume this might have
been the Case or possibly as there was no Body at Fort Cumberland that was well
acquainted with the Language of the Cherokee the first party might not have been
rightly understood & the Alarm might have been owing entirely to the want of an In-
terpreter at that place. As I perceived by Capt Dagworthy's second Letter that
he did not believe that the French were marching any considerable Body this way
I immediately countermanded the Orders that I had before given to the Militia & so
our Expedition ended without occasioning any Expence to this Province except what
I gave the Persons that were sent Express with my Letters. I have since heard that
they were in the utmost Consternation at Phila. while the Alarm continued & as
Colo Washington had forwarded the Letter that he had received from Fort Cumberland
to Governor Dinwiddie the Inhabitants of that Province were much more disturbed
than our people & as the Governor ordered the militia of several of the Lower Counties
to march & by not being on the Frontiers could not countermand his Orders till
some Days afterwards the Alarm must prove an expensive one to that Colony. As
the Penn^a Assembly has thought proper to observe to Gov^r Denny that the Embargo
was taken off here before it was in some of the other Colonies, perhaps it might be
asked at home how that happened; I would conclude this Letter with a particular
Account of that Affair but as I have already detained the Person who waits for it
longer than I intended when I began to write I must beg leave to refer You to the
inclosed Letter which is a Copy of one that I sent to Lt Loudoun & shall only
observe farther that altho Govern^r Dinwiddie has not yet intimated to me that
the Embargo is taken off in Virg^a I advised Govern^r Denny as well as Lt Loudoun
of its being taken off in this Province so soon as I had complied with the Request
of the Council to do so.

I am with the greatest Sincerity

Y^r Obedient & most aff^l Serv^t

P.S. I will endeavour to get
You some wild Turkeys & will also
send You some American Sads before the
next Season for sewing them &