

commanded for the most part raw and undisciplined, would not be easily prevailed on to forsake their trees and storm the intrenchment, thought proper to offer terms rather than run any risks, not doubting but the English would in their miserable situation, and not sensible what were his fears and apprehensions gratefully accept any conditions that he should be pleased to offer in which opinion he was not indeed at all mistaken.

The day after signing the capitulation, Mr. Washington retreated with the English that survived, to Will's Creek, and shortly after descended to Alexandria a town in Virginia, situate on the navigable water of Potomack.

The 17th of July I once more met our Assembly and apprising them of what had happened, pressed them to grant immediate supplies for the service. The consternation that Washington's defeat had occasioned inclined many of them to grant a sum of money at this time in any manner that the Gov't should think proper, but some of the leading patriots as they stile themselves, contrived to insert some clauses in the bill which were by no means agreeable, and which it was scarcely consonant with his Ldp's instructions for me to pass; however I was prevailed on by the Council to accept £6,000 on the terms it was offered, but from some late instructions that I have received I am a little apprehensive the substance of the bill is not very acceptable to his Ldp. What my Lord objects to are two clauses which appropriate the money's arising from lycencing ordinaries and pedlars to the use of his Majesty on this occasion. As Mr. Calvert tells me he has taken brother John's opinion with respect to the property of the money arising from such lycences (which his Ldp claims by prerogative) I conceive I need not be particular in acquainting you how these matters, which have been long a bone of contention, are circumstanced, presuming that Mr. Calvert submitted to you the state of those controverted articles which I find he had received from me when he desired your opinion thereon.

When our Assembly had granted the £6,000 above mentioned, I advised Gov'r Dinwiddie thereof and the money being left to my disposal desired his directions how it should be expended for his Majesty's service at the same time hinting to him the expediency and necessity of laying in a proper quantity of provisions, which had been shamefully procured, furnished and managed by his Commissary Mr. Carlile, in answer to my letter he desired I would raise a company of one hundred men, with the utmost expedition and send them to join the forces from N. Carolina and Virginia, and the 3 independant companies (which together would make a body he said of 1100 men) at Will's Creek in Sep't accordingly I proceeded to form a company, cloath and accoutre them, having ordered Col. Cresap, who lives in Maryland about 15 miles from Will's Creek to purchase and instantly lay in at his house, on acc't of this Province, provision of meat and flour enough for at least 100 men during a twelve month, which orders