

Independ<sup>ts</sup> for building the Fort shall be allowed him—What Cap<sup>t</sup> Polson dem<sup>ds</sup> a Court Martial for I know not, unless it is on this Subject, I order'd Col<sup>o</sup> Stephens to send him & Cap<sup>t</sup> Waggener to go a recruiting, he refused going, on which I wrote him a Letter on the Subject which he has not answered; I was angry he refused my orders delivered him by Col<sup>o</sup> Stephens; for which I think he deserves a severe reprimand at least, if not something worse, I must therefore refer this to you—I am sorry the Guns are only four Pounders, those at the Camp are of the same Size. Cap<sup>t</sup> Arburthnott says they are six Pounders & Charges 15<sup>l</sup> p Pss. for them; he says you spoke for four compleat seamen, which he will send at 18<sup>d</sup> p Day. I admire Cap<sup>t</sup> Clark is not returned to his Duty.—

Now I have answer'd your Let<sup>r</sup> I am to acquaint you I have recruited 44 Men sent to Alexandria, & this Week sent in two Sloops to Fredericksburg 150 & in a short Time I hope to send the like Number as I have officers in different Places recruiting, & wou'd gladly hope to make the Number from this Dominion from 800 to 1000—I much want to know what Pensylvania Assembly have done, if they raise Money we may depend on a Supply of Provisions from that Colony—Your Calculation of Provisions for 3000 Men I think just; but how to supply the Salt & Cask I know not; for the carrying these two Articles to Wills's Creek will be near three Times the first Cost. I can purchase Barrell'd Pork & Beef, but the same extraordinary Carriage will attend them; Pray write me your answer & Thoughts thereon; & please forward the enclosed by the most speedy Conveyance it's in regard to the Treaty, that if M<sup>r</sup> De Lancey shall think proper to send a black Belt to the Six Nations, that he wou'd send one for this Dom<sup>n</sup>—

Pray order two or three officers to Winchester to receive the recruits, as there will not be sufficient with them to keep them in proper order. I have been very much fatigued since parting, & likely to continue, but if its now the Affair in View I shou'd be very well pleased—I shall order the Prisoners to Belhaven, & give the officer the Liberty of walking the Town.—

My Wife & Girls join me in kind respects & I am with great Truth

Your Excell<sup>ys</sup>  
Most hble & obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dinwiddie

P. S. The two Pair of Wheels are almost finished that you ordered to be made if wanted let me me know & they shall be sent.