

incroachments are not suppressed & prevented, yet nothing have they contributed toward supporting the Cause; but New York Gov^t has voted for the Gov^r of Virginia's use five thousand Pounds, & it is expected the Assembly of Virginia which is now sitting will pass an Act for 20,000 or 30000^l at least; in that Case I hope with our Assistance Gov^r Dinwiddie will be able to make a vigorous Effort before Winter & repulse these Troops, whose Progress has already strangely terrified our back Inhabitants, many of whom conceive themselves in immediate Danger. Our Company is near half compleated & I purpose soon to order them out to the Frontiers of Frederick County, where Col^o Cressap has contracted to supply them with Provisions. I have given the Command thereof to one Capt. Dagworthy a Gentⁿ born in the Jerseys, who commanded a Company raised in that Province for the Canada Expedition since the miscarriage of which he has resided in this Province upon an Estate which he purchased in Worcester County; I have placed under him 3 Lieutenants & I hope our Company will not in any respect make the worst Appearance of any on the Expedition. Inclosed are Seconds of four Bills of Exch. sent with my last to the amount of £125 which I hope you will safely receive, & I will for the future send my Bills rather before the Day appointed if possibly I can, lest the Delay of them should at any time put you to inconvenience which would give very great uneasiness to S^r &c

I have taken the Liberty to direct for his Ldp a pipe of the best Madeira wine that I could procure, w^{ch} I hope his Ldp will do me the honour to accept & you will be kind enough upon the Captains Application to let him have the inclosed Bill of Lading to get it signed & returned me.

H S.

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Original.

Virg^a Williamsburg Sept^r 5th 1754S^r

Y^r kind fav^o of the 20th of Augst I rec^d & should have answered before this, but waited the result of our assembly, which I prorogu'd yesterday, after doing Nothing to support the present Expedition.

On their first meeting they seemed greatly inclined to give a handsom supply, I pressed the absolute Necessity thereof with all the Interest I had & they accordingly voted 20,000 which gave me much Pleasure; but the Day after, on the third reading of the Bill, they loaded it with a Rider for paying Payton Randolph Esq^r (the Person they sent Home to complain against me) £2500, as the Council had formerly rejected a