

sistance. These 400 *French* expect to be joined by 400 more, as soon as they can come down from the Lakes. There were 22 *French* in the *Logg's Town*, who about five Weeks ago held a Council with the *Indians* in which they told them, ' That as they had determined not to make their Fire with them, but had done it with their Brothers the *English*, they might expect to be struck, and that their Brothers the *English* should not see the Sun, but 20 Days, and that they would destroy all the *Indians*.' Upon which *Manocatoocha* took his *Tommahawk* out of his Bosom, and said, ' You have often deceived us, but now you will strike our Brethren the *English*; we believe you speak the Truth; come on, we are ready for you, and will stand by, and join our Brothers the *English*.'

The Writer of a Letter, dated at *Port Royal* in *Virginia*, May 29, says, " We have sent 300 Men under the Command of Col. Fry, *George Washington* next in Command, and *George Muse* Major; *North Carolina* has sent out 300 under the Command of Col. *Innes*; *South Carolina* and *New York*, regular Forces, two Companies each. The Assembly of *Maryland* was then sitting, and would probably raise some Men, and all this to oppose the *French* upon our Frontiers, who claim the Lands as the Property of their Master, who are building Forts, and our Men are to do the same, though not to act offensively unless attacked. In the mean Time the *French* (before our Men got out) have taken Possession of our Fort upon the River *Monongahela*, where we had a Company of Men under Capt. *Gist's* Command.

The Governor Yesterday was at *Frederiksburgh*, in his Way to *Winchester*, to hold a Conference with the Chiefs of the Six Nations, who are in our Interest."

But tho' it is said above, that the two *Carolinas* and *New York* had sent out their Forces, they were not however joined, nor did they come together soon enough to prevent Col. *Washington's* Misfortune, which we shall soon relate.

The *French* it seems had erected five Forts, and garrison'd them with 1500 regular Troops, on that Part of the *British* Territory at the Back of *Virginia*, which is nearest *Quebec*, contrary to Treaties; which if they are suffered to maintain, that and the rest of our Colonies, must soon be at their Mercy. The