

joined me, in which I lay great Stress. The fine Promises of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, amounted to no more than the furnishing Twenty Waggon and 200 Horses: With this Number I shall be able to set off from here, though I must meet with infinite Difficulties, particularly marching with only a Part of the Ammunition I expected, and having been obliged to send a Detachment before me, to lay up and secure Provisions upon the Mountains of *Alleghany*, which are five Days March from here.

I should never finish, were I to give a Detail of the innumerable Instances of the Want of Integrity, I have found, both in general, and in particular, and of the most absolute Contempt of Truth, I have met with in the Course of this Service. I cannot help adding to what I have already told you, two or three Examples.

The Governor of *Virginia* sent me an Account of a Purchase he had made of 1100 Beeves, which were to be delivered in *June* and *August*, for the Subsistence of the Troops. This Purchase had been made upon the Credit of £. 20,000, of that Currency, granted by the Assembly, for the Service of his Majesty, in Favour of this Expedition: In Consequence of which, I regulated and ordered Affairs for the best; but a few Days after, the Contractor of the said Purchase came to tell me, that the Assembly had refused to fulfil the Governor's Engagements, and consequently the Purchase became void. As this Affair was of the greatest Consequence, I offered immediately to engage him the Payment, upon the Terms of the Purchase; but the Contractor rejected my Offers, and required one third of the Money in Hand, on Account of the Purchase, and would not engage to deliver me the Beeves before two Months, when they would be of little or no Use.

Another Example: The Agent of *Maryland*, employed to furnish the Troops with Provisions, had collected some, which at first Sight, were all judged to be spoil'd; and I saw myself under a Necessity of sending One Hundred Miles to collect others. This Disposition of the