

**Charles Carter to George Washington, June 5, 1754,  
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**FROM COLONEL CHARLES CARTER. <sup>1</sup>**

FREDERICKSBURGH June 5 1754

SIR

We had ye. agreable news of the victory obtained by ye. Partie under your Command.<sup>2</sup> I heartily congratulate you and all ye. Brave gentlen. that were of ye. company. From this happy begining I am led to hope you will soon make those cruel men know that numbers can't support an unrighteous cause God grant you may be blest with ye. like success and drive them Out of our Colony I had this affair in the begining much at heart and you are a witness to ye. share I had in promoting the Bill for defending our Frontiers and you may depend I shall be always ready to serve such brave men, to the utmost of my power

We are told the officers are very uneasy on acct. of some late resolve of the Comittee I am not yet satisfied what their complaint is as it comes from a youth in the service I hope much may be imputed to his not being well informd while I was at the Committee I can aver there was ye. greatest readiness to promote and encourage the officers and men and make the most effectual provision no doubt any just complaint will meet immediate redress for my part I shall always be a true friend to such deserving men I know ye. hardships you must suffer and I hope you will be amply rewarded and return crownd with Laurels. I should be glad to know the name of ye. unfortunate man that died in our Cause please to

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favour me with an Acct. of every Important occurrence and the grounds of the Complaint you are so well satisfied of the importance of the trust reposed in you that it would be impertinence to use any arguments to excite you to a courageous discharge of it My Compliments to all the officers I am charm with their Bravery

I am Sr. Yr. most obigd hume. Servt. CHS. CARTER

P. S. The above was wrote in the dark but I could not omit an opportunity to congratulate you on this happy occasion.

For Colo. GEORGE WASHINGTON at Youghyoughane.<sup>3</sup>

1 Charles Carter, son of John and Elizabeth (Hill) Carter, grandson of Robert and Judith (Armistead) "King" Carter, and great-grandson of John and Sarah (Ludlow) Carter (founder of the family in Virginia), was born at "Corotoman," Lancaster County, in 1732, married in 1756 his cousin, Mary W. Carter, of "Cleves;" secondly, Anne Butler Moore, of "Chelsea;" issue by first marriage eight, and by second fifteen children, whose numerous descendants include the best esteemed family names in Virginia. His daughter, Anne Hill Carter, was the second wife of "Light Horse Harry" Lee, and the mother of General Robert Edward Lee. Colonel Carter was a member of the House of Burgesses continuously from 1761 to 1766, and in the latter year a member of the Council also. He, later, fitted up "Shirley," James River, and moved thither. He died in 1806, leaving an estate of 35,000 acres of land in the counties of Loudoun, Fauquier, Prince William, Lancaster, Richmond, Westmoreland, King William, Hanover, Henrico, and Charles City; about 1000 negro slaves; £12,000 in money, and various bonds, mortgages, etc. In his will he requests his family and friends not to "go into mourning nor wear black clothes." His grave is at "Shirley," which seat is now owned by his grandson, Captain Robert Randolph Carter, late Confederate Navy.—BROCK.

2 The skirmish with M. de Jumonville, May 28, 1754.

3 Youghiogany.