

**Robert Dinwiddie to George Washington, April 26, 1756,
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FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE.

WILLIAMSBURG Apr. 26th: 1756

SIR

I recd. Yr. Letter by this Express last Night, & this Morning laid all the Letters before the House of Burgesses & really it gives me very great Uneasiness & Concern to observe the dismal Situation our back Settlers are in—And when I consider the Slowness of the House in raising Men—I have sent Expresses to the Counties of Frederick, Fairfax, Prince Wm, Culpepper, Orange, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, Albemarle, & Louisa, ordering the Commanding Officers of each to march one half of their whol Militia imediately to Winchester; & I shall send directly to Fredricksbg. 40 bls Powder 500 Small Arms, with Shott & Flints to Commissary Walker who goes up from this to take the necessary Care in distributing the same.

I am excessively hurried with the above Dispatches that I can write no more at Present but recommendg. You to the Protection of God I remain Sir Your most hble Servant ROBT.
DINWIDDIE.