

John St. Clair to Thomas Bullitt, April 13, 1758, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM COLONEL SIR JOHN ST. CLAIR. ¹

PHILADELPHIA April 13th. 1758.

SIR,

Last night I received an Order from Brigadier General Forbes, to purchase some Match Coats and all the light arms I could get at this Place, to equip the Indians that are at Winchester, which I shall send from hence tomorrow. I have sent Mr. Gist £300. Virginia Currency, to supply them with any thing that he may find in Virginia. You may acquaint them that nothing in our power shall be wanting to accommodate them.

I am here still employed about Artillery and Laying in Stores of all kinds, that we may take the field as soon as possible, so soon as I am able to finish it I shall be with you, of which you will please to acquaint the Indians.—take care to Keep them in Spirits as much as you can, and give them all the encouragement you can to go out on Scouting Parties, and if possible to bring in one prisoner with each Party—You will please to let me know the Number of each Nation that is with you and what more are expected. I hope you have received the Express I sent to you about a week ago; if he has fallen into the Enemy's hands it will be a great loss to us.

I must desire you will speak to my friend Charles Smith to prepare for me at Winchester, materials for building a couple of large Flats, so that we will have nothing to do but join

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them together and Caulk them; They are for Cox's on Pottomack. I shall be glad if You can get a few Barrels of tarr made near you. I beg my Express may not be detained. I am, Sir, your most obedt. humbl. Servt.

JOHN ST. CLAIR

1 To Captain Bullet, or commanding officer at Winchester.