

**Charles Smith to George Washington, July 30, 1758,
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FROM CAPTAIN CHARLES SMITH.

FORT LOUDOUN July ye. 30th. 1758

SIR/I Received Your favour July ye. 25th. by Mr. Campbel's man, the Inclosed I have Sent Down by a Safe Hand, and According to your Directions I have Sent by the bearer Six plates and a dish, I received a Letter ye. 20th. Inst. from the Governor of Virginia wherein he has Informed me that Lord Fairffax and Captn. Rutherford has Wrote to him, Concerning ye. 20 Rangers that was Stationed here which has Given Displeasure To the Inhabitants, But he Say's Let what measures will be taken it Gives Dissatisfaction to one or another, for which he blames Captn. Rutherford and his Officers Very much, and Say's he Can't See that they are out of their duty at all as they are Paid by the Province, he Immagin's they Can be Orderred To any part for the Good of the County, & as there Is a Quantity of the Country Stores at Winchester he thinks it Necessary that the Same twenty Shall Continue as a Guard, as it is not In his power to have them Reliev'd by the Millitia or any Other Effective Men, Else he would Freely do it, he has also Wrote To Lord Fairffax & Captn. Rutherford, and Says he is Informed that the Company is More out of their duty by being Stationed by Sixes and Sevens at Particular houses, as he Immagine's yt. no person ought to be Indulged more than another, he Says if Lord Fairffax has Ninety miles of ye Frontiers Diserted, he Immagin's it to be his own Ground, and he may have as many Commissions as he pleases to Raise in his own County, of ye. Millitia, but he Immagin's them all to be a Dissatisfyed People, and no Person whatsSoEver Can plese them,

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Captn.. Rutherford thinks it Necessary to Divide his Company into three parts, and order one of them to make this place their Randisvows, and Constantly Keep ranging Under the Mountains, and on the Watters of Cape Capon, and To return with what Inteligence they Can Get, In Every Two or three days, which I believe will be Greater Satisfaction to the men, to have one of their own Officers with them, it will answer the Intent of Guarding Ye. Stores Near as well as to have them Constantly Garrisoned here, as their Return may be Every two days.

The Governor has Ordered me to Carry on the Well and Close the Buildings, and then to make a Return of what is Next wanting to be done, but has not mentioned one word about money, to Carry on those buildings it is not an Easie matter to Carry on So heavy Buildings without Subsistence, but Still I must be Contended & obey Orders, but Could wish times Better.

Thare is 25 of the Caralinians here & has not one Gun among them & I Dont know in What manner they will Get up to Fort Cumberland I have Inclosed an Axact Return of all the Spare Arms left here belonging to the Country — Colo Wood Still Very Bad yet with the Gout & is not able to write, but Begg to be Remember'd to You, as Well as Your Hum Servt.

CHS. SMITH