

[1779, June 14]

Sir, Williamsburg June 19th 1779.



I have the pleasure to enclose you the particulars of Colo. Clarke's success against St Vincennes as stated in his letter but lately received the messenger with his first letter having been killed. I fear it will be impossible for Colo Clarke to be so strengthened as to enable him to do what he desires indeed the express who brought this letter gives no reason to fear St Vincennes is in danger from a large body of Indians collected to attack it and said when he came from Muskratons to be within 50 leagues of the place I also enclose you a letter from Colo. Shelby stating the effect of his success against the succeeding Chickasaws and Chuc-comogga. The damage done them was killing



a fleet, burning 11 Tonne, 20,000 bushels of Corn collected probably to forward the expeditions which were to have been planned at the Council which was to meet Governor Hamilton at the mouth of Tenifee, and taking as many goods as sold for £5000. I hope these two blows coming together and the depriving them of their head will in some measure effect the quiet of our frontiers this summer. We have intelligence also that Colo. Bowman from Kentucky is in the midst of the Shawnee country with 500 men & hope to hear a good account of him. The enclosed order being in its nature important and generally interesting, I think it proper to transmit it to you with the reasons supporting it. It will add much to our satisfaction to know it meets

approbation.

I have the honor to be with every
sentiment of private respect & public gratitude

Sir

your most obedient &

most lib. servant

P.S. The distance of our northern
western counties from the scene of Southern service

and the necessity of strengthening our Western quarter
have induced the Council to direct the new
levies from the Counties of Wyhoganian, Ohio, mo-
nongalia, Frederick, Maryland, Washly, Rockingham

and Greenbrier amounting to somewhat less than
200 men to enter into the 9th Regiment at Pittsburg.

The aid they may give there will be no imme-
diate & important and what they could do to
the Southwest would be so late as I hope will ap-
pease for their interference?