

**Robert Dinwiddie to George Washington, May 16, 1757, two same date; Orders, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE.**

SIR

Whereas I have thought proper to discontinue the two pr ct. Commissions, (which the Country Committee have allowed you) for Your trouble, Risk and loss, in receiving and Paying away the Publick Money; settling and adjusting of accounts &c. : I shall only lodge a fund of Money in your hands to answer Contingent Expences; as they shall arise from time to time in the Execution of your Command. —

The Paymaster Commissary and others, are for the Future, to receive Money of Me to answer the purposes of their Calling; and to Me, are they to render accts. of their Disbursements; unless any Person, or Persons with my consent and Approbation, shall be appointed to transact this Business. —

You shall receive your usual Pay; and allowance for your Batmen<sup>1</sup> (as the Committee have fixed it) and the additional Sum of Two hundred Pounds pr. Annum for your Table and Expences. —

In all other Respects you are to be on the same footing as formerly; and to Act as you heretofore have done. —

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Given under my hand at the City of Williamsburg this 16th. day of May 1757.

ROBT. DINWIDDIE

1 Batmen, or baromen, were originally servants to take care of the horses belonging to the train of artillery, baking, baggage, etc. Men who are excused from regimental duty for the specific purpose of attending to the horses belonging to their officers are called batmen.—Duane's Military Dictionary.