

By the Hon. Robert Dinwiddie, Esq:

His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, and Commander in Chief of this Dominion

A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging MEN to enlist in his Majesty's Service for the Defense and Security of the Colony

Where as is determined that a Fort be immediately built on the River Ohio, at the Fork of Monongahela, to oppose further encroachments or hostile attempts of the French, and the Indians in their interest, and for the security and protection of his Majesty's subjects in this Colony; and as it is absolutely necessary that a sufficient force should be raised to erect and support the effort. For an Encouragement to all who shall voluntarily enter into the said service, I do hereby notify and promise, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's council of this Colony, that over and above their pay, 200,000 acres of his Majesty the King of Great-Britain's Lands, on the East side of the River Ohio, within this Dominion, shall be laid off and granted so such persons, who by their voluntary engagement, and good behavior in the said service, shall deserve the same...

Robert Dinwiddie

GOD Save the KING

Robert Dinwiddie's proclamation was to encourage men to enlist, join, in the building of a fort near the Ohio River and the driving off of the French who were beginning to settle the area. He promised to divide 200,000 acres of land near the Ohio River among the soldiers who voluntarily signed up to join the army.