

This Dismall news brought down here on the Eleventh Curr^{tt} Fryday att Noon, oblig^d me to send it as it came to my Ears from Waggoners & such people

I was surpris^d not to have some Messenger sent me from the Armie with accountt that I might depend upon which Oblig^d me to send a Boey on purpose next day and gave him one of the best & freshest horses I hade here & this moment he is return^d with much the same Accounts.

His Horse giving Out he could proceed no forrder then the Little Meadows 25 miles from this all the Accounts I gett from him is relaited by the Waggoners & much to the same purport as att first. that the Gener^l & maney officers are kill^d & halfe of our Soldiers, with most of the Artilery Taken by the Indeens. But not in this time having aney Accountts from the Armie gives me hope things cannot be so verey Bad with us.

However I think it is hily requisite and full time that the Militia in the three Neighbouring Provinces should be imediately Draughted & Sent out to there Assistance Horses & Waggoners will be absolutly needfull Three or Four Thowsand Men will absolutly carrie Victuary before us, when five times the number in a litle time hence will not do. All which I most Humbly Submitt, you may depn'd as soon as I receive aney Accounts I shall forward them. You may leakways Depent Pleas God. I live I will do my best to maintain this Post.

I Am Your

Hon^{rs} Most Obed^t Hu^{ll} Ser^{tt}

James Innes

Fort Cumberland

13th July 1755

To the Hon^{ble} Gov^r Dinwiddie.

[Innes to Sharpe.]

Sir

Herewith I send your Exell^{cy} a Coppie of my letter to Governor Dinwiddie which is the fullest accountts I am able to gett I am this instant getting another Person & another horse to send out to the Armie with directions not to returne without some Acc^{ts}

Your Ex^{cy} Mos^{tt} Obed^t Hu^{ble} Serv^{tt}

James Innes

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P. S. the Action is said to be on the 8th Curr^{tt} & within four miles of the French Fort.

To The Hon^{ble} Hor^o Sharp Esq^r