

I have taken some time to consider this point, and cannot think, that Cap^t Dagworthy, who now acts under a Provincial Commission, has any Right to the Command as there are no Regular Troops join'd with those Troops now at Fort Cumberland, which would be the only Circumstance, that could occasion a Dispute concerning the Right of Provincial Field officers to Command, in preference to Captains bearing Commissions from his Majesty.

I should have sent my orders to Cap^t Dagworthy thro' my Aid de Camp, but as you have proposed to me to give him such as would effectually remove the occasion of the dispute, I cant but hope you will still do it; and I think besides, as he now acts under a Provincial Commission; it will be more regular that they should be transmitted to him from you.

With respect to the Command of Fort Cumberland, I am informed by Cap^t Morris my Aid de Camp that the late General Braddock had private Instructions from His R H the Duke to put it in a Condition to contain a Garrison of 200 Men and that he appointed Col. Inne's Gov^r of it which was given out in orders, if that be so, the matter must remain on the same foot he put it upon.

I am very sorry to find that the Recruiting officers entertaining Indented Servants, is likely to produce an Insurrection in your Government; as the officers have assured me that it will not be in their power to execute his Majesty's orders for augmenting their Regiments to 1000 each in time for his Service, without my taking of the Restraint, I had lay'd them under in that respect, I cant revoke my late Orders for taking it off without being Guilty of a Breach of my Duty to his Majesty; and I cant but hope that your Honour and the Magistrates will have authority enough within your Government to prevent the bad Effects, you seem in your Letter to be apprehensive of.

I must beg leave to referr you to the inclosed Copy of my Letter to Gov^r Morris for my Sentiments at large upon this point.

I am with great Regard
Sir, Your Honour's most obedient
Humble Servant
W Shirley

Extract of a Letter from Governor Dinwiddie
to General Shirley dated January 23^d 1756.

Governor Sharpe has not answer'd your Excellency's Intentions in removing the Dispute between Col: Washington & Cap^t Dagworthy; he has order'd him to keep the Command of the Fort, w^{ch} he does in an absolute manner; we have