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[Livingston to Washington.]

Fort Cumberland June 14. 1757.

Sir

I am desired by Captain Dagworthy to acquaint you that there is a great Body of the Enemy on their Way to these Frontiers where they intend is not certain, the Intelligence
 p. 194 comes from Captain Spotswood's Party, that arrived here about three of the Clock this Afternoon, says Captain Spotswood left them about ten Days ago, these six separated themselves from the Rest and went to Fort du Quesne, where they stayed some Days and saw the Preparation making for the March but wanting Provisions was forced to come off to some Distance to fire their Guns as there was none to be got by their Arrows they heard a great Gun fired near where the Battle of Monongahela was fought, which they had cross'd the tenth Instant and desire all their Brothers to come as soon as possible to their assistance Lieutenant Baker march'd this Day at eleven o'Clock with all the Indians only two left with the Swallow's son which I am afraid will die, I've wrote to Mr Baker to detain them at Pearalls while they hear from you but am afraid it will not be in his Power, as they are fully bent to see the great Man that is come from King George and expect presents they staid but four Hours after the Letter was explained to them Captain Dagworthy would have wrote to you but being busy in Writing to Colonel Stanwix and their Governor had no time, you will excuse my Hurry as we are in great Perplexity at present.

I am your humble Servant
 Ja^s Livingston

P. S. Since my writing they have made us sensible that they were on their March with a number of Wheel Carriages, and men innumerable, and had marched two Days before they quit the Monongahela waters, they further say they saw them cross the said River, and Guns greater than any at this Fort you'll observe this is Indian news which I really believe to be true no white man came in yet and further say they found a Stocking belonging to the white Men which causes suspicion here the whole is cut off. Keeniffitkee is not come in with five Men which is expected hourly, Captain Dagworthy desires you will send an Express to Colonel Stanwix and Governor Sharpe in Case the Express may be taken he has sent, further the six that came in three of them is wounded and one of them was killed being seven in number when they separated from Captain Spotswood by a Party of French Indians near the Bear Camp they stayed 'till dark and went back for their Baggage and came in four Days from the