

Lib. J. R. the March but wanting Provisions was forced to come off to
& U. S. 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 In-
dians only two left with the Swallows Son which I am afraid
will die, I've wrote to M^r 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 Car-
rigges, 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'l 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 Ex-
press 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 Spots-
wood 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 French Fort they are momently
giving fresh Intelligence therefore must conclude with this
confused Paragraph a safe Deliverance never was in greater
Jeopardy, no Men no Provisions &c.. this is the Cry of this
Garrison, this is the second Express this Man has been sent,
and no Pay for it (viz^t) when Trent came in and the Ca-
tawba Indian the next Colonel I believe may be from Mon-
treal for never such a Set collected as we have to defend a
Garrison for my part I am easy if Indians, I must fight, but
if French as long as we can but I am afraid the great Guns
wont be loaded by us a second time.

J.. L: