

Lib. J. R. His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the two
& U. S. following Letters

Sir

I have this moment received the Melancholy Account of the Defeat of our Troops, The General kill'd and numbers of our officers, our whole Artillery taken; In short the Account I have Received is so very bad, that as please God I intend to make a Stand here, its highly necessary to raise the Militia every where to defend the Frontiers.

Your humble Serv^t

To all to whom this may Concern James Innes

Fort Cumberland July 11th 1755.

A True Copy of Col Innes's Letter

Signed Fairfax

I have Sent an Express with the Original Letter to the Governor

Sir

I herewith Send your Excellency a Copy of my Letter to Governor Dinwiddie which is the fullest Accounts I am able to get I am this Instant getting another Person and another horse to Send out to the Army with directions not to return without some Accounts.

Your Excellencys Most Obed^t Hble Serv^t

Fort Cumberland 13th July 1755 James Innes

P. S. the Action is said to be on the 8th Current & within four miles of the French Fort.

To the Honb^{le} Hor^o Sharpe Esq^r

p. 58 Hono^r Sir

My Letter of the 18th June brought you the Defenceless Situation that I was left in here notwithstanding in all this time I have not seen the face of one Single Person come here as Militia from either Virginia or Maryland either to Strengthen the Defence of the Place or to be ready as Escorts for Sending out with Provisions. Depending upon some Succers I have from time to time detached party after party to the Army so that I have now very few real healthy men to do the duty

The Dismall news brought down here on the Eleventh Current Friday at Noon, obliged me to send it as it came to my Ears from Waggoners and such People

I was surprised not to have some Messenger Sent me from the Army with Accounts that I might depend upon which obliged me to Send a Boy on purpose next day and gave him