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Instructions from home, I shall perhaps be under a necessity of meeting
the Assembly again, soliciting them to send him a Reinforcement
of a Quantity of Provisions & Ammunition. The Subscription that
has been made, will at least enable me to keep up a Company of
Rangers for the Protection of the Frontiers, but I am afraid
if Col. Dunbar should retreat to Pens.^a (which I do not think
unlike) the Distant Inhabitants will desert their Habitations
rather than live in fear & Apprehensions of the Incursions of the
French & their Indians. I am Sir &c

Copy of the Letter to Mr. Calvert dated the 11th of August 1755
transmitted by Capt. Garnet, & a Duplicate by Capt. Carroll.

Sir The 23^d of July I address'd a Letter to his L^{dy} & another to your
self acquainting you with the fatal Engagement that had happened
near the Mouth of the Monongahela. I was then proceeding westward
with an Intention to send up a Supply of fresh Provisions & Wine to Fort
Cumberland which I imagin'd the Troops must have been in great need
of. On my Arrival at Conegoee, which is 30 Miles beyond Frederick
Town I was inform'd that they had plenty of every thing at the Camp
& that Col. Dunbar had determin'd, & was about to leave Fort Cumberland
& to march with the Remains of the two Regiments & the three Independent
Companies to Phila.^a This News so soon after the Depredations of the
Indians & the General's Defeat had much alarm'd, & thrown our distant
Inhabitants into great Consternation; they concluded that when the Troops
should retire from the Frontiers the Enemy would repeat & renew their
Devastations & that 'twas better for them to fly rather than leave their habitations
than remain an easy Prey to an enraged & cruel Enemy, who may now have
free & uninterrupted Access to these two infatuated & defenceless Colonies,
some that were retiring to their Friends in the more populous Parts of this
& the neighbouring Provinces I perswaded to return back with Assurances
that a sufficient Body of Troops would be left at Fort Cumberland