

it is said that they are reduced to 130 Men; Governor  
Innes writes that on the 13<sup>th</sup> Just a Lieut<sup>t</sup> who had been  
sent out with a Party of Men upon the Scout towards the  
Great Meadows returned & reported "That two of his advanced  
Scouts having discovered about 50 Indians in the Meadows came  
running back to the Party, that about a Dozen of the Indians  
followed very close, four of which discovering themselves to be  
Friends came up to his Party with these two Men &  
advised him to turn immediately back, otherwise that he with  
all his Party would be scalped, for that there were 100  
French encamped at Col<sup>l</sup> Dunbar's Camp & had discovered  
the Stores that were buried there; & that they had an advanced  
Guard of 100 more French posted about a Mile beyond the  
Meadows, that the French were coming this way & that the  
Indians which were about a hundred more would soon be amongst  
the Inhabitants" Upon this Alarm the Hospital is  
removed down to Frederick Town & Governor Innes dispat-  
ched an Express to Colonel Dunbar who was proceeding  
thro Penn<sup>a</sup> towards the Provinces of New-York, desiring a  
Reinforcement from him, I know not what regard Col<sup>l</sup>  
Dunbar has paid to his Request but I am apt to think he is  
still marching to join General Shirley who I conclude from his  
last Lett<sup>r</sup> reached Oswego about 5 or 6 Days ago. I have been  
now informed by M<sup>r</sup> Morris himself that what I mentioned  
to you in my last respecting the Disposition of the Penn<sup>a</sup>  
Assembly has proved too true; Peruse the inclosed Gazettes & then  
I think you will not be at a loss to judge how much is ever to be  
expected from that Quarter, & pretty nearly what would be  
the consequence of our Assemblys Meeting at this time.