

to order them to be discharged immediately which will be doing a greater kindness, I will take on myself to replace them with an equal Number of able Men as soon as I can possibly procure & send them up, I have acquainted Capt Come with the Servants Names one of whom is a Convict as your Excellency intimated an Unwillingness to have any Convict Servants at all enlisted into the Regiments I think myself obliged to advise you that Mr Morerton has also recruited four other Convicts at this place named James Tobin, Cornelius Newhouse, Nich<sup>l</sup> Stone & Wm Meade, which I believe their former Masters would be glad to recover at the Expence of sending recruits in their stead to Wills Creek if you should be pleased to order them to be left there when the Troops march, Col<sup>o</sup> Cresap who acts as a Magistrate in this Province waits on you with this to whom I have desired Capt Come to communicate your answer if your Excellency should be inclined to grant my Request I hope he will have the Servants delivered to him that they may be carefully sent hither:

With of greatest Respect, most fervent wishes  
for your Success I am Y<sup>r</sup> Excellency's

A Letter also was sent to you per post to Capt Come

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1755. Col<sup>o</sup> Dinwiddie

I take this Opportunity of acquainting you that I left the General, Capt. Come & Major Col<sup>o</sup> Washington, Mr Shirley this Day Tanned at Averengers Ferry on their way to Winchester I suppose they will reach Wills Creek to Morrow. Col<sup>o</sup> Dunbars Regiment marched from Frederickton the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, Col<sup>o</sup> Balbitts & the Virg. Companies had I hear left Winchester some Days before there was good Cause of Difficulty in procuring a sufficient Number of Waggons