

to speak, He at present begs leave to make the Campaign  
as a Volunteer in hopes of being able to approve himself  
worthy of favour - Any Shewn him would much oblige  
Yours

Imapohis. June 8. 1759. Governour Dinwiddie is  
Yrs

Your Favour of the 2<sup>d</sup> is just delivered me, & a few Days since  
I received, also a Letter from the General of which I inclose,  
you a Copy; upon the Receipt of a Duplicate thereof  
Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris has summoned the Assembly of that Province  
to meet again the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. tho' he seems to entertain as small  
hopes from such a Procedure, as I do of procuring Supplies  
by the Application that I am about to make to our People  
the 23<sup>d</sup>. You intimate that the General thinks of drawing  
all the Troops from Fort Cumberland & leaving it to these  
Provinces to replace them with others or with their Militia  
I wish I may be able to contribute to the doing either, but  
indeed I am afraid if the Obstinacy of the Assembly forces me  
to make the Trial I shall find our Militia Law even more  
defective than Yours - however I have sent peremptory Orders  
to the Officers to muster & discipline their respective Companies  
after their manner, & have also issued a Proclamation notifying  
to the Back Inhabitants what they may expect, & cautioning  
them to be on their Guard & prepare for their mutual Defence  
in case of any Attack or Alarm. Pray what Carriage Guns  
have you to send to Fort Duquesne, if wanted? Some Arms  
& Ammunition I may perhaps be able to afford be the Determini-  
nation of our Gentlemen what it will, but as more than the  
£6000 granted last Summer is already expended, Nothing remains  
to purchase Provisions with or to raise any more Men for the  
necessary purposes for which they are required. I have signified  
to the General what Satisfaction 'twould give me to be  
enrolled