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the Military Chest. Capt Spoy also came in with him a French
Brigantine & Schooner. Admiral Boscawen continues to cruise
between Cape Charles & the Gulf of St. Lawrence & has sent Expresses
it is said for all his Majesty's Ships in America to join him.

July 15. 1755. — To Gov. Morris

The enclosed was just now sent me from Marlboro whether
it was brought from Bethaven yesterday. I have not recd
any Letters from the General or the Camp since the 22
of June but one M^r who belongs to the Train
in a Lett^r to a Gent^l of this Town dated near the Great
Meadows the first of this Month says "on the 9th of last Month
the whole Army (except 600 Men with Sr John Blaik who
marched two Days before) went from Mills Creek & with infinite
Difficulty thro the worst Roads in the World arrived 10 Days
afterwards at the little Meadows where an Abate was made by
Sr John & two Engineers encircling the whole Camp. Next the
whole halted 3 Days; then the Barronet with his Party moved
forwards & the 2^d Day after the General with 4 Muzzlers, 4
twelve Pounders, 13 Artillery waggons besides Ammunition Carts
followed him & have kept marching on ever since; this Evening
is expected His Excellency will be within 25 Miles of the Fort.
Colo Dunbar with the Remainder of the Army, four Artillery
Officers, 10 Carriages with Ordnance Stores & all the Provision
waggons form the Rear amongst whom I have the honour
to be. The Night before last we were alarmed & at
different times by the Shushing Indians on whom our Outposts
& Centries fired. We have had 3 People scalp'd but it happen'd
thro their own Imprudence in loitering behind too far. This
said this Morning the General has had Advice that 100