

July 15th 1758 To Gov. Dinwiddie

I have just now received a Copy of a Lett directed to all whom it may concern, which was sent by Col. James to Lord Fairfax the 11th Inst. & by him forwarded to you. The Gent^l belonging to the Nova Scotia Regiments (who have not yet received any Letters from those two who went to wait on the General remain still in Town) have been with me desiring my Advice or Directions for their Conduct; as they were only ordered by their Instructions to receive & execute General Parades' Commands, by this unhappy News they are entirely at a Loss what to do or how to act: they will stay here at least to see if the melancholy Account be confirmed or till you can signify what you would have them do. If many Officers should be lost ought they not to offer their Service to the Regiments & raise Men to compleat them instantly but in that Case where can they have Money for they have not permission to draw on any Account whatsoever. I observe Col. James says all the Artillery is taken but as he does not mention any particulars nor by what means he received the Intelligence I know not what to think of the Affair. inclosed you have the last Acc^t we have rec^d. from whence perhaps you may form some Judgment how it happened. Our Gent^l are making Subscriptions for the Defence of our Frontiers which will enable me I hope to have 100 or 200 Men in Arms within a very few Days for that purpose, you will not delay I hope to send your Opinions to us concerning the Gent^l whom I mentioned above & at whose Request I have taken this