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is scarcely any military stores not even Muskets but what
have been lately sent to King^s by his Majesty's special Order.
This Consideration together with the want of Officers as
well as Men & Camp Equipage, the Disposition & weakness
of those that have made the last, above all the want of
a Fund to defray the Expence of another Campaign occur
as Arguments against his Marching immediately to act on
the Offensive or to pursue the Plan that the General had
proposed to prosecute, wherefore he has put the Resolution he
had before taken in Execution & is returning to Phil^a. in
Expectation I presume of receiving these General Shirley's
Letters or Instructions. The several Companies that have been
raised & supported by the Gov^ts of Virg^a & Carolina & Maryland
are left to garrison Fort Cumberland & to protect the Frontiers
of these Provinces till something better farther can be done
for their Security & for his Majesty's Service. With due Respects
I am

To Governor Dummer Aug^t. 11. 1755
Sir
Yours dated the 3^d July I received last Thursday
on my Return from Fort Cumberland whether the
unwelcome News of General Braddock's Misfortune &
the Consternation & Apprehensions of our distant Inhabitants
had carried me, I had procured, was sending away some Pieces
& Wine from Caregoga to the Camp imagining the Troops
there may have wanted such necessaries when I was advised
when I was advised that they had the greatest plenty of both
& that Colo Dunbar was preparing to march with the Remain
of the two Regiments & the Independant Companies to Phil^a.