

of the Country. As I have not heard any thing  
of Col<sup>d</sup> Dunbars Return towards us again I presume  
he is proceeding to join General Shirley where I hope  
he will arrive time enough to be of some Service but  
I can tell him 'twill not a little chagrine Governor  
Dinwiddie who cannot bear to think of leaving Fort  
Duquesne unattempted again this Summer. I have  
already intimated to Sr Tho. Robinson how defenceless  
we are notwithstanding our Numbers for want of a proper  
Militia Law which I have told him has often will  
be always in vain solicited from our Assembly, You  
whether Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie prevailed with the Assembly  
of that Province the other Day to pass one I know not  
I presume he will I doubt not write also to the Ministry  
on the same Subject

General Shirley August 24. 1753

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Take this Opportunity by a Young Gentle-  
man. The best who is ambitious of serving under your Com-  
mand to acknowledge the Receipt of your Fav<sup>r</sup> of the 13<sup>th</sup>  
together with a Copy of your Let<sup>r</sup> & Instructions to  
Col<sup>d</sup> Dunbar. I presume the Col<sup>d</sup> Concluding from the  
Resolutions of the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Assembly that little was to be