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Fort Cumberland we have a Command of 20 on our
Frontiers which are supported by a Subscription till
some Letters from England shall determine our
Controversies & give me room to meet our Assembly & ask
them for Supplies with greater probability of being regarded
more than I have hitherto been when I mentioned such
a Subject. Wishing you Success. Yours

Sept 2^d 1754. Gov^r Dinwiddie

Your Letter dated the 25th ult I have received
& considered, & as I am about to make a short Ex-
-ursion from Annapolis & may not probably return before
Your Express arrives from Phila. I leave this in answer
to that your Letter — I readily agree with you
that many great Advantages would have attended Col.
Dunbars constructing some place of Defence for the se-
-curity of the Stores as well as the Troops under his Com-
-mand at the place where he was encamped when he
received the News of the Generals Misfortune & I am
inclined to think the Enemy would not have ventured
to attack him had he been advantageously posted there
or any where between that place & Fort Cumberland where
he might have been reinforced & supplied with such things
as may have been wanted towards making a second
Attempt this Summer, that such a Step was not