

Col. Dunbar says was entirely owing to the General who as  
 soon as he was brought up to his Encampment gave Orders  
 for his Retreat & for destroying every thing that was not  
 brought off — When Col. Dunbar called the Council  
 he did produce & read Your Letter & I believe the other  
 Members as I did myself apprehended Your Meaning in  
 general to be that if the particular Modes of reducing  
 Fort Du Quaine therein specified could not be followed  
 any other Step should be taken whereby the Enemy might  
 be most offended & His Majesty's Service best advanced,  
 some of the Reasons that made me averse to Col. Dunbar's  
 marching westward I have already intimated to you  
 & I hope they are thought satisfactory but I doubt not but  
 Sr Just Clair (who I expect is in this with you) will if  
 you ask him give you other convincing Reasons for his  
 Opinion which was pretty similar to mine on that Occasion,  
 Col. Dunbar did not consult us on any other Affairs &  
 I took it for granted at that time as I do now that he  
 intended to proceed to join General Shirley if the General  
 should approve thereof & not go into Quarters as it seems  
 he writ you that he intended. I expected he would have  
 left the Independent Companies where he found them, at  
 least I did not conceive he wd have carried the Carolina  
 Company away from Fort Cumberland & the Place of their  
 Destination, If no other good had been obtained thereby I  
 am inclined to think that if he had left either of those