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Provisions but he expressed hopes of being soon enabled
by the arrival of a sufficient quantity to attempt
something before this time. Colo Dunbar with
the two Regiments & three Independent Companies
has received Orders & is marched to Albany where
General Shirley intends they shall take up their
winter Quarters & be in readiness to act seperately
or in Conjunction with such Provincials as the Colonies
shall think fit to raise & march against any of the
French Settlements early in the Spring. Gov
Dinwiddie has already dropt the Scheme of building
a Fort this winter beyond the Mountains, but his
Officers are levying Men for Col Washington's
Regiment that is to be disciplined & ready for Action
as soon as the Severity of the winter is over.

Oct 11th 1755. Gov. Morris.

Within a few Days I have received several Letters
by Express from Capt Dagworthy who commands the
Garrison consisting of 137 Men at Fort Cumberland
& from some other People advising me that the Indians
have since the first Inst. cut off a great many Families
who dwelt near Fort Cumberland on both Sides Potow-
mack some Miles Eastward of the Fort. It is supposed
that near 100 Persons have been murdered or carried
away Prisoners by these Barbarians who have burnt
the Houses & ravaged all the Plantations in that Part
of the Country. Parties of the Enemy appear
within