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not been inform'd y<sup>e</sup> well in y<sup>e</sup> to hear that you have  
wishes to supply us I do not learn that the Pennsylvania  
have sent any further Supplies, but Sr Chas<sup>r</sup> Horry tells  
me the Assembly of N York have voted 1000 Men for the  
Service of the ensuing Summer he also informs me that  
the Indians from Onondaga have sent Notice that the French  
intended y<sup>e</sup> were preparing to attack Oswego this Winter, the  
Indians themselves seem to be much alarmed, but I hope that  
their fears are groundless, or that if the French were really  
in Motion on the Lakes General Shirley has taken such  
measures as must render their Enterprise abortive

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1756. Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie

The Messrs comes Express with Letters from Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Shirley whence I presume you will learn that he has  
sent me a Commission & Orders to take the Command  
of 4000 Men which he expects will be raised in these  
Southern Colonies for an Expedition to the Westward over  
y<sup>e</sup> above a Body of 3204 which are to be sent hence to  
the Northward to act in conjunction with the Troops that  
he will himself command on the western Lakes. I am  
afraid that the Excellency is much too sanguine in his  
hopes & Expectations from these Colonies; by what I can find  
None of them have yet come to a Resolution to furnish  
their respective Quotas for the Expeditions proposed to be  
carried on to the Northward but as I am order'd to take the