

The News that we have lately received from the Northward. We hope
that the Fleet is long before this time, sailed from Halifax, where
His Ldp intends to have the Troops landed. I know not but it is gene-
rally thought that his Design is to attack Louisburg. I observe that an
Ensign of Yours who made his Escape a few weeks since from Niagara
says the French are actually sending a considerable Number of Men from
Canada to Fort Du Quesne & agrees with Street in declaring that they
are meditating an Expedition ag^t Fort Cumberland. By a Gent^l who
came from Carlyle the 6th Inst. I am told that the Royal Americans desert
daily especially the Germans who as there is great Reason to believe go
off to Fort Du Quesne. With the greatest Regard &c

To Governor Dinwiddie. Aug^r 13 1757.

Sir From the inclosed Copies of two Letters that were sent to Lieut^l Col^l
Delancey by General Webb's Aid de Camp & the Assistant Deputy Quarter
Master Gen^l. You will learn that Fort William Henry on Lake George
is attacked by a very considerable Body of French Regulars Canadians &
Indians who came by Water from Ticonderoga & brought with them a large
Train of Artillery. I understand that Lieut^l Colo Monro of Oways Regiment
commands at the Besieged Fort & that Lieut^l Colo Young is also there, what
Troops the Garrison consists of I know not but imagine it is composed of
a few Regulars & the Best Provincials. I think one might conclude
from what is said in the two Letters abovementioned that the Men at
this time under the Command of General Webb fall far short of the
Number that His Ldp proposed to leave for the Defence & Protection of
the Northern Colonies, the Garrisons of Fort W^m Henry & Fort Edward
together do not it seems exceed 3000 Men while the Number of the Enemy