

can reach Fort Frederick. I shall issue Profs Warrants & put it in their
own Power to supply themselves with Provisions but as they are in general
very ill provided with Arms they must be furnished out of those that are
at present in the hands of our Soldiers — I understand that Mr
Prof has lately sent some Provisions to Fort Cumberland by Land but
for short of the Quantity that will be necessary for the Troops that
may be kept in Garrison there during the winter however as I expect
that the rains have before this time raised the waters of Potomack
I hope he will be able to get enough conveyed up before our Troops are
disbanded — As the Gentlemen of the Lower House have desired me in
two Addresses to send a Copy of the Bill which they have framed to the
Earl of Loudoun in Confidence as they say that he will not when
he sees it disapprove of their Conduct, I believe I shall not be able
to dispatch an Express to His Ldp before Tuesday Morning. I am
inclined to think from what You say in Your Letter of the 17th of
last Month that You will scarcely send any Orders to Fort Cumberland
till You shall hear again from His Ldp but whatever You may do
with the Troops at that place I am of Opinion that the sooner You
lay me under a Necessity of ordering the Militia to Fort Frederick
better —

To Governor Dinwiddie the 21 Dec^r 1757

Sir — I intimated to You in my Letter dated the 5th of Oct^r that I was very
apprehensive the Assembly of this Province would insist on our Troops being
withdrawn from Fort Cumberland & that they would if possible contrive to lay
me under greater Difficulties than I had ever before experienced. I am now
to inform You that my Fears at that time were too well founded & that
instead of withdrawing our Forces from that place the Gent^l have upon
the most mature Deliberation refused in effect to provide for the