

The Troops that have been or shall be raised for the immediate Defence
of this Province, & Application made to me (by the Merch^t who is directed
to procure it) for my Letter to shew that it is for the publick & no
private use; I beg Leave to acquaint You that I shall comply with the
Merchants Request & grant such a Lett^r as he desires Hoping that he
will on presenting it obtain Your Permission to export such Ammunition
as he might be ordered to purchase & transport hither

To Mr Fox Secy of State. dated 7th Nov. 1756.

Mr Honble

When I did myself the honour to write the 20th of Oct. I acquainted
You that in consequence of an Act of Assembly passed for that purpose
Orders were given to a Merch^t in London to purchase & ship
a quantity of Ammunition for the use of this Province, in case therefore
Mr Le Duchene our Merch^t should be unable to ship Ammunition
at this time on acct^s of an Embargo I hope You will on his making
Application be pleased to grant him an Order for exporting 3000^{lbs} of
Powder & an equal quantity of Ball or Lead to, & on acct^s of this
Province

To Governor Dinwiddie. Novem^r. 4. 1756.

Colo Lee having just acquainted me with his Intention to pay You a
Visit very shortly I trouble him with this to inform You that Colo Steven
has lately sent hither a Person from Fort Cumberland who was sent thither as
a Spy by an Officer of a Detachment of 160 French & Indians who were
ordered from Fort Duquesne to annoy the Frontier Inhabitants of one of these
Provinces or to make an Attempt on Fort Cumberland if they should on some
-nation find the Reduction of that Place practicable. I presume Colo Steven has
communicated to You what the Fellow said concerning the Enemy's Strength
behind us at present & of their Intention to assemble & march a considerable