

Examination here he has acknowledged that he came from Fort Duquesne
the Beginning of Oct. with a Detachment of 160 French & Indians who
were to fall on our Frontier Settlements or to attack Fort Cumberland if
the Reduction of that Place should appear practicable. The Prisoner was
sent to reconnoitre & inform himself of the Strength of the Garrison &
had concealed himself near it in pursuance of his Orders, but apprehending
from some Motion of the Enemy that he was discovered he dropt his
Tomahawk & advancing towards him pretended to have made his Escape
from a party of Indians that had detained him Prisoner. I propose to send
him back to the Commanding Officer at Fort Cumberland to be examined
& rewarded according to his Deserts &c.

To Governor Dinwiddie the 8th of Jan'y 1757

Sir Mr Stevens (whose Instructions for making Post Ash You sometime
ago sent me) calling on me here in his Way to Williamsburg & desiring
my Letter of Introduction, I comply with his Request so far as
to make him known to You. I should agreeable to my promise
have sent You a Copy of the Examination of that Johnson also
Marshall who was sent hither some time ago from Fort Cumberland
had it not on farther Examination appeared that he had falsified
in every Syllable he had spoken & that no Credit ought to be given
to his Information. He at length proves to be a Deserter from the
Independant Company that was commanded by Capt Clark & as I have
advised Capt Gates of his being apprehended & in Prison I presume
he will be sent for & punished agreeable to the Sentence of a Court.

To Governor Dinwiddie the 22th of Jan'y 1757.

Sir As I find by a Letter which Your Secretary has just brought
me from the Earl of Loudoun that His Lordship expects to be favoured