

**James Innes to George Washington, July 5, 1754,  
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**FROM COLONEL JAMES INNES. <sup>1</sup>**

WINCHESTER 5 July 1754 Eleven O'clock.

GENTLEMEN

I have this moment received your Express & am very glad to find you are Joined. I wish My Regemt. with the New York Companys were arrived here they are upon the march, nor can I learn the reason of there so long Stay att Bell Haven you may depend I will make all the heast in my Power to join you if you Should be Obliged to retire you must demolish your Works other ways it is making a Cover for the enemie. I have forwarded your Express to the Troops on there march. It is what I daily expected they would by a Strong Detachment inquire about there parley Sort. pray leave no room for A Surprize but be vigilant, & depend We will make them retire in there turne. I long to be with you & this would be a fine Oppertunity to prevent there returning to there forte.

I wish you good Success & am your Most Hue. Servt. JAMES INNES

To Coll. WASHINGTON or Capt. JAs. Mc.KAY

<sup>1</sup> See Waddell's A Colonial Officer, p. 53.