

**Adam Stephen to George Washington, July 25, 1756,
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FROM LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.

FORT CUMBERLAND July 25th. 1756

SIR,

Nothing Remarkable has occurred in this neighbourhood since you left us—I think we omitted, My Lord, at the beginning of Our Address, you will please to observe before you send it off, and likewise Write to the governor and Some of the Council to charge Mr Ludwell to support & enforce it.¹ I heard once from the Branch Since, but expect you have all the reports from that Quarter before this time.—Please to hurry up the Officers as Several of the gentlemen are Ailing here, Mr Rutherford is now on the Recovery after a very Severe Spell, and give orders for our men to join us, as we want 30 to Complat us to the Number agreed to, and have fourteen more Sick. This makes Duty set heavy. We catch'd two in the very Act of Desertion and have wheal'd them till the Spectators shed tears for them—which will I hope answer the End of punishment. —

The Detachmt of Militia at Ashby's, absolutely refusd to Escort the Express to this place, and am afraid never will get over the pannick which Seiz'd them under Command of Mr Rutherford.² —One of them named Croucher has always behavd well, and came up w the express in the night—Pray Urge the necessity of having more men, the Militia will add

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to our disgrace but nothing to our Strength.—I shall be Oblig'd to Recall Capt McKenzie, unless we are join'd shortly by the men Belonging to these Companies.

Send us Little Crocus, to ease my Burthen, which would have overset me by this time, but for the Assistance of Sergt. Feint who Promises very well.—Let the Doctr. Send what medicines he knows to be wanting. —

We have had Sermon the two last Sundays; The Genuine product of Fort Cumberland. Capt. Woodward Offciates. If you can come across a Cargo of second hand Sermons please to forward them by the first Waggons, for as we have no Books; memery will soon fail us. I have the honour to be with Esteem

Dr. Sir, Your most Oblig'd huble. Servt. ADAM STEPHEN

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To be sent per first opportunity

a map of Lake George, Crown Point, &c

Advices from Majr. Lewis, and an acct. of Loudons arrival The number of killd and woundd in the last engagemt on the Lakes

1 Colonel Stephen probably refers to address to Lord Loudoun from the officers of the Virginia Regiment. Philip Ludwell had been chosen bearer of an address from the Governor and Council of Virginia.

2 "I make no doubt, that your Honor has ere this heard of the defeat of Lieutenant Rutherford of the Rangers, escorting an express to me at Fort Cumberland, and of the dastardly behaviour of the Militia, who ran off without one half of them having discharged their pieces, altho they were apprised of the ambuscade by one of the flanking parties, before the Indians fired upon them; and ran back to Ashby's Fort, contrary to orders, persuasions, threats," &c.—Washington to Dinwiddie, August 4, 1756.