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A full transcript is also available.

Biographical/Historical Information

Robert Dinwiddie (1693-1770) was Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia from 1751 to 1758; James de Lancey (1703-1760) was Chief Justice of the New York Supreme Court from 1733 to 1760. He later became Lieutenant-Governor, then full Governor, of New York from 1747 to 1755. While Governor of New York, he presided over the Albany Congress, which grappled with Anglo-Indian relations and common defense issues.

Scope and Content Information

Governor Dinwiddie regrets that a delay of two military companies from New York has increased French attacks in the West. He hopes that the Virginia assembly will grant funds for more soldiers. He also thanks Governor de Lancey for providing extracts from the Albany Congress and its plans for colonial union.

Index Terms

Persons:

De Lancey, James, 1702-1760.

Dinwiddie, Robert, 1693-1770.

Geographical Names:

United States--History--French and Indian War, 1755-1763.

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