

Letter Bk. I. manded by a French Ensign who was killed & in a little Bag
 that was tied about his Neck were found some Instructions
 p. 201 from the Commandant of Fort Du Quesne of which I inclose
 your Ldp a Copy. Capt. Dagworthy who commands the
 Maryland Company has lately lost his Ensign & a Son of
 Colonel Cresap's who went with a party of Voluntiers in pur-
 suit of the Indians is also killed. We are told that a Body of
 French & Indians have lately attacked Oswego but without
 Success & that they are again retired to Frontenac. The
 Regiments We hear are on their March for Oswego & I hope
 the Provincials are also e'er this in Motion towards Crown
 Point. I am sorry the Persons I employed have been unable
 to put it in my power to send your Ldp the Partridges that I
 promised by this Ship, they tell me t'was impossible to catch
 any because they had paired but as soon as their Young come
 abroad, I shall have a Covey or two taken, which shall be care-
 fully sent agreeable to your Ldp's Desire—

[Rules for settling Rank.]

George R.

Whereas doubts may arise with regard to the Rank, and
 Precedence, to be observed, between the Commander in Chief,
 Generals, and other Officers of Our Forces in America, and
 the Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and Presidents of the
 Council of Our Several Provinces & Colonies; In order to Fix
 the same, and to Prevent all disputes, We do hereby declare,
 that it is Our Will and Pleasure, that the following Rules be
 observed with Respect to the Rank & Precedence of the said
 Persons in America Viz^t

1st The Commander in Chief of Our Forces, by Commission
 under Our Great Seal of Great Britain.

2^d Captains General, & Governors in Chief of Our Provinces
 and Colonies, when in their Respective Governments, as
 appointed by Commission under Our Great Seal of Great
 Britain.

3^d General Officers upon the Staff.

4th Captains General and Governors in Chief of Our Prov-
 inces & Colonies when out of their Respective Governments.

5th Lieutenant Governors & Presidents of Council, when
 Commanders in Chief of Our Provinces & Colonies in their
 Respective Governments

6th Colonels

7th Lieutenant Governors and Presidents of Council, when
 Commanders in Chief of Our Provinces and Colonies, out of
 their Respective Governments.