

Letter Bk. II. you will be pleased to think that I will do it with the greatest readiness & Satisfaction. I wish you would be kind enough to send us a few Grenadoes from one of your Magazines by any Vessel bound either to this Province Virginia or Pensilvania & if you should receive any Intelligence from Oswego or any other Quarter of the Enemy's motions toward this part of the Continent I flatter myself you will not delay to advise me thereof which will much oblige
Your Honour's &c

Letters were also writ to the Governors of Rhode Island & Connecticut Govern^{ts} to the same purport as that to Gov^r Belcher.

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To Governor Shirley Nov 8th [1754]

Sir

I take the Liberty to acquaint you that His Majesty expecting his good & loyal American Subjects will unanimously exert themselves to repel the Encroachments that the French are making on these his Dominions has been pleased to order me to take the Command of the Forces that may be raised for that purpose, but as I despair of answering in the least His Majesty's Expectations & Royal Intention in honouring me with such a Commission unless the several Governments on the Continent will incline to send us such succours as His Majesty by one of his Principal Secretaries of State gives me reason to hope for; I have addressed myself to them severally solliciting their aid & I entertain sanguine hopes that the Gentlemen of your Assembly will not be backward to favour my Application I am not insensible that the Incursions of the Enemy on your own Frontiers have occasioned a considerable Expence to the Province yet as the French seem particularly sollicitous & intent at this time on executing their long projected Scheme of establishing a Communication from Cape Breton thro the Continent to the Gulf of Mexico, in which they have this last Summer made prodigious Progress by the Settlements they have made & the Forts they have built & strongly garrisoned on the Back of these Provinces I cannot but think our united Force should be directed to disconcert their Scheme, the
p. 31 Execution of which threatens us with the most fatal Consequences. of the Expediency of this which we are of ourselves insufficient to perform & the unhappy Condition of these Colonies at present I am persuaded you are extremely sensible. I will therefore hope that you will recommend this Affair to your Assembly in such a manner as to incline them to send us such Supplies of New England Troops or Money as our present Situation does really call for & require

I am &c