

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Original.

Williamsburg Nov^r 12th 1754

Sir

I send by this Sloop to the Care of Maj^r Carlyle all the Things I cou'd purchase here that you thought necessary for the Expedition & enclos'd you have a particular Acc^t of them. I have a pretty many recruiting officers in many of our Counties, their Success I cannot as yet acquaint you; but shall be glad to know y^r Determination as to your March. I much dread we shall not be able imēdiately to raise the Number of Forces I think necessary for you to march with; but hope during the Winter Months to enlist many, every Thing in my Power shall be done.

Pray write me the Numbers at Wills's Creek. I refer Col^o Innes to you if he inclines to continue on the Expedition, he is an indefatigable honest Man.

I am with great Respect

S^r

Your most hble Serv^t

Rob^t Dinwiddie

[Gov. Morris to Sharpe.]

Original.

Sir

Your Favour of the eighth Instant I had the Honour to receive by your Messenger, and congratulate you upon the Command his Majesty has been pleased to give you, in the execution of which I wish you all imaginable Success, and shall think myself happy if I can in any thing contribute to it.

Early in this Month I received a Letter from the Secretary of State, signifying to me his Majesties Commands that I should act vigorously in Defence of the Government under my Care, and be aiding and assisting to the other Colonies to repel any hostile Attempts made against them, and I shall endeavour to act up to the Royal Commands as fully as the Assembly of this Province will enable me to do, and it will give me great Satisfaction if they resolve to act with Spirit at this important Juncture when the Interest and Safety of this particular Province is so nearly concerned.

The Assembly of this Province is appointed to meet on the second of December, and I believe will sit for some time, and should you receive any Intelligence or take any Steps that may influence their Resolutions in favour of vigorous Measures, I shall be obliged to you for sending such by Express which this Government will be at the Expence of,

Tho the People of this Province have for Thirty years past carried on a Trade to the River Ohio and were seated at the