

Letter Bk. II. Indians upon which a considerable Number of those People imagining that their wives & families whom they have left behind will be secure under that League of Peace & Amity from the Resentment of the English on that Quarter are come down to the French on Monongahela to put themselves under the Direction of the Commandant of that Fort. We are told also that since the Conclusion of that Treaty the Canuagaes have acted as Messengers & Mediators between the Governor of Canada & the Six Nations & have prevailed with the latter to go to Quebec & enter into an Alliance with the Inhabitants of Canada where they at this time are. Of the Event of such an Interview if it be really held at Quebec you will be pleased as soon as you learn yourself to inform me, & if the Consequences of that seperate Treaty with the Canuagaes at Albany have been such as they are represented here you will I hope forbid any League to be made for the future unless all the Colonies be included as they were in the Treaty held with the six Nations in July. Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie has desired me to send you the inclosed Letter which He tells me requests you to use your Interest with the Indian Tribes & engage them if possible to declare in our favour, if that can be effected & you think proper to send them a black Belt as from Virginia you will be pleased to send them another in behalf of this Province. About a week since I received Advice that a Reinforcement of 1100 French & 70 Aruadacks were arrived at the French Fort & that 400 more were at the head of the Ohio coming down to join them. if you have received any Intelligence from Oswego or elsewhere of the March of such numbers you will be kind enough to acquaint me & as we shall in case we proceed to act offensively next Spring stand in great need of a Mortar or two & some Bomb Shells neither of which  
 p. 52 can be procured in either of these Colonies I hope you will not be averse to sparing us a small Supply of both from your Magazines & any small Cannon that you cannot have immediate use for, till we can get a sufficient Number of each sent us from England, your Compliance with this my Request will Exceedingly oblige &c.

Original.

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Virginia Williamsburg Jan<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1755

Sir

I have waited with Impatience to hear what your Assembly & that of Pennsylvania have done, in regard to their granting supplies for the Expedition. By a Ship from London I understand His Majesty & the Ministry are very Sanguine in granting proper supplies of Men & ordnance Stores, The Trans-