

have done I know not. I wrote to all my Friends at Home the Necessity of a Supply from the Parliament, which I have some reasons to expect—

I heartily wish You Health & Success in conducting the Expediⁿ & I remain with very great regard & Esteem—

Your Excellency's
most obed^t hble Serv^t
Rob^t Dinwiddie

P. S. I presume you will engage Men }
to drive the Waggon by the year— }

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[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

Annapolis January 8th 1755

Sir

I had prorogued our Assembly to the 20th of Feb^y & proposed to spend the intervening time at the Camp to which place I was preparing to go but shall now decline it till I receive your Answer I apprehend you must on the Receipt of those packets from England meet the Assembly of that province, of the time you propose you will be pleased to acquaint me & if you think it necessary & expedient I will set off immediately for the Camp but if you think it adviseable I will postpone my Journey thither & issue proclamation for our Assembly to meet as soon as possible after I am favoured with your Answer. I am &

[Sharpe to Gov. Fitch.]

Annapolis January 10. 1755

Sir

The Letter you favoured me with the 30th of Nov^r I have but lately received & as I am since informed by a Letter from one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State dated at Whitehall the 26th of October that He had by his Majesty's Order sent Letters of the same Date & Tenor to all His Majestys Governors on the Continent directing them how to proceed & what Steps to take for the Defence of His Majestys Dominions at this Critical Juncture & also advising them that His Majesty had been pleased to order 2 Regiments over from home & 2 more to be raised in the northern Colonies & that a General Officer might be soon expected here to take the Command of all these Forces, I conceive you do not now expect an Answer to the several particular Questions you were pleased to propose to me but that you will find yourself sufficiently instructed by the Secretary of State His Letter & that in Compliance therewith you will endeavour to procure from your Assembly as large Supplies as possible in which Endeavours I heartily wish you Success & am &c.

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