

convoy I will not despair of that also. Your kind Intelligence Letter Bk. II. p. 84 of the Enemies Design to insult our distant Inhabitants will I hope influence our people to be on their Guard against such Invaders & may perhaps be made some Use of by myself. I shall take Care to get the Chariot hither & secure it till you may have Occasion for it again or whenever you please shall be ready to receive it at your own Price. Capt Orme has been so kind as to intimate to me your Inclination to oblige me by ordering the Discharge of the four men concerning whom I took the Liberty to address you Col^o Cresap has Orders to repay the Bounty money which I find is expected with an equal number of men who shall be marched up without Delay.

I am &c.

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

Original.

London May 29th 1755.

Sir

I have a particular request made to me by a friend of mine whom I esteem much, it is in behalf of M^r Sam^l Massy In Queen Ann's County the favour Desired for him is an Appointment for his being a Sheriff of a County, as I am asured he can sufficiently give security for his honest discharge of such a Trust I beg leave to Recommend him to your favour & kind office of friendship therein; the Obligation will be valued by him, who is with all Respect y^r

obliged h^{ble} Serv^t
Cæcil^s Calvert

[Bradstreet to Sharpe.]

Original.

Sir

I think it my Duty to give you the Earliest Notice that in my way to this place Colo. Johnson and I examin'd a french man who deserted from Canada with his Wife, who inform'd us that the French had actually sent nine Hundred and fifty Men to the Ohio in four Detachments the last of which he saw at Cataraque and they pass'd this place about the time he expected and that on my Arrival here the 27th Instant I made it part of my business to Examin into the truth of it from Indians who are constantly coming here from all quarters who agree intirely with his Account, since which the movements and Activity of the French makes it still more necessary I should loose no time in leting you know what has pass'd and the Accounts I have, Viz^t That on the 25th of this Month twelve Battoos pass'd this place with Men and Provisions, the 27th Eleven, and this day Eleven, which latter had on board nine small Cannon, and they