

carry one with the other Ten Men, and I am well inform'd there are more men preparing to set out from Cataraque and others daily expected from Mountreal there, and the French are using all their power & Artifice to get as many Indians with them to oppose General Braddock as they possibly can, and Openly declare to the Indians they will send the whole force of Canada but they will carry their Point. I must also inform you there are many Indians here and Numbers are daily expected and they appear to be very attentive to the proceedings between the French and us, and that I conceive there never was a time when the giving Provisions to such as are in real want and well chosen presents to the Principal People than at this time and that great good might, and I believe would result from it. I have sent an Express with these accounts this day to the General across the Country, and have wrote to the severall Governors from New York to Virginia also.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

In Bradstreet

Oswego

29 May 1755.

The Hon^{ble} Gov^r Sharp

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[Sharpe to Braddock.]

June 4th

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On the Receipt of Capt Orme's Letter signifying your pleasure concerning the payment of the Maryland Company I have given M^r Hopkins Instructions to pay them in the same manner as the Virginians are paid which was what I intended to have done when Capt Dagworthy was directed to stop something from their former Allowance which was more than the Virginians received. I presume Governor Delancey has sent you Advice that a Body of about 300 french & some Indians passed in 30 Battoes by Oswego, the 13th of May as it was supposed towards the Ohio. I have inclosed your Excellency the last papers that we have received from England. The young Gentⁿ who presents this is one of whose Desire to serve under your Command & Inclination to purchase in case any Gentⁿ should hereafter obtain your permission to sell his Commission I took the Liberty to speak, He at present p. 85 begs leave to make the Campaign as a Voluntier in hopes of being able to approve himself worthy of favour. Any shewn him would much oblige
Y^{rs} &c