

Letter Bk. II. I have sent you a Copy of the Deposition of a Frenchman who with his wife is just come down to inhabit in the Province of N York. Governor Shirley's Regiment was to embark the 29th ult. at Providence for Albany; Pepperels was not then more than half compleat, which has induced Governor Shirley to get the Destination of the Iersey Troops enlarged they will be now employed under his Command against Niagara. I know not whether the Provincial Troops are compleated or at what time they will be in motion. Some hundred Men are at work I am told at N York about their Fortifications which when finished will it is said render that City pretty defensible. Succeed to your wishes, & Enjoy as perfect health as does at present
Your &c.

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[Sharpe to Morris.]

Iune 9thS^r

Your Letters dated the 29th of May & 2^d of Iune I have received & also one from General Braddock much to the same purport with that of which you sent me a Copy. A Duplicate was also sent to Gov^r Dinwiddie which was laid before the Virginia Assembly that was then sitting & he tells me they have thereupon granted £6000. for the uses & Services for which the General sollicit^s Supplies if these Govern^{ts} only follow the Example I hope we shall find no Difficulty in complying with his Excellency's Desire & Requisition, if they should be averse to making such a Provision I know not what can be done but this is certain that the Leaving any Troops at Fort du Quesne without a Sufficiency of military Stores & Provisions must be attended with the worst Consequences, & these Provinces will I doubt severely feel the Effects of it rather than such an Event should happen if we had provisions I would make a Trial whether our Militia could not be taken out to Escort & convoy them thither; I flatter myself your Assembly will not refuse to furnish some Supplies of that Sort & then whatever be the Issue of our Gentlemen's Meeting; a few Cannon some Arms & Ammunition shall be sent from this place. I have writ to Virg^a for Governor Dinwiddie's Opinion hereon & to know by what means he would have us contribute to the Service in case we cannot succeed so far as to obtain the Supplies now asked for such important purposes. I really think the French & their Indians will execute their Threats against the Back Inhabitants in hopes thereby to retard or recall the Forces that are marched under the Command of General Braddock. I have notified that piece of Intelligence to our distant Inhabitants & cautioned & exhorted them by a