

I thank you for the Deposition of the Frenchman, but I hope the Numbers of the French in Canaday are exaggerated. I hope Major Gen^l Shirley's Regiment S^r W^m Pepperill's & the Jersey Forces are on their march to Niagara I shall be glad to hear the Forces destin'd for Crown Point were in readiness to begin their march. I wrote you by M^r Graham the 13th to which I want your Answer.

Eleven Officers belonging to three Regiments in Nova Scotia arrived here last Week in order to recruit for their Regiments to compleat them to 1000 men each I accomodated Cap^t Floyer & Cap^t Stone with Horses to wait on the General for his Commands, & the others come in this Sloop to remain in your Place 'till the above Officers return & I recommend them to your Civility & Friendship; they cou'd have but very poor Chance in recruiting here, & indeed the Distance from this to Nova Scotia to march them this hot Season I think very bad, however no doubt the General will give them his orders. I wish you Health, Felicity & Success with Your Assembly—I remain in Truth—

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

Pray be so kind as to forw^d the enclos'd with all possible Expeditⁿ as M^r Tasker's Letter is of great Consequence to them.—

Gov^r Sharpe.

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[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

June 22^d

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herein you receive my Acco^{ts} made out according to your Desire. The Ballance you will be pleased to remit in Bills of Excha. or Cash as you may find convenient, we value Gold at 17^s 6^d Stg. an Ounce & our Currency is 60 p C^t worse than Stg. Gist's Declaration to me that he had been obliged to expend that money of Montours to purchase provision for the Troops removed in great part the Objection I might otherwise have made to advancing him the money & his Concealing from me when Montour was present what you say he has since asserted concerning Montours being endebted to him gives me the greatest Reason to beleive he deals unfairly & has been guilty of an Embezlement. I before gave you my Reasons for letting Montour have the money at that time & indeed I am still inclined to think his Friendship will prove worth the purchase. You know what induced me to advance