

Letter Bk. I. cerning General Shirleys Attempt. A Reinforcement we hear is gone to Niagara from Fort Du Quesne since General Braddocks Defeat & I am persuaded they will leave nothing untried to interrupt him in his Operations & to prevent his making himself Master of Ontario Lake. Admiral Boscawen is still cruizing off of Louisburg & Nova Scotia but I have not heard any farther Accounts of his Success, which makes us afraid that the Rest of the French Fleet have given him the Slip. You herewith receive the Journals of the two House's Proceedings at their last Meeting the Laws are not yet printed: I have been told that some of the Members who govern Affairs in the lower House are very busy in promoting an Association among them & their Adherents & persuading them to engage at their own Expence to bring the Affair of the Ordinary Lycences & the Roman Catholicks to a Hearing before his Majestys Council for w^{ch} purpose it is said two of the Burgesses who have approved themselves Patriots are to embark for England as soon as a sufficient Association is formed to bear the Expence of such a proceeding. It is long since I had the Satisfaction to hear from you which makes me apprehend some Letter has miscarried. Please to deliver the inclosed & beleive me to be &c.

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[Sharpe to Robinson.]

To Sir Thomas Robinson August 11. 1755—

R^t Honble

The 23^d of July I took the Liberty to acquaint you with General Braddock's Misfortune & that I was proceeding to Fort Cumberland to tender my Services to Col^o Dunbar & his Majesty's Troops that were returned thither I was glad to find at my Arrival that there was no want of fresh provisions among them but the Col^o had given Orders to the two Regiments & the Independant Companies to hold themselves in readiness to march for Phil^a last Saturday sennight While I was there Col^o Dunbar called a Council of War at which I was desired to attend & with the other Gentⁿ give my Opinion on the present situation of Affairs in America & whether his Leading out his Majestys Forces again immediately to attack the French Forts on the Ohio River would be expedient or conducive to his Majestys Service He informed me that all the Artillery & Stores excepting four 6 Lbrs were either fallen into the Enemy's hands or had been destroyed by the General's Order after the Engagement. this is a Loss that cannot be repaired in these Colonies where there is scarcely any military Stores not even Musquets but what have been lately sent to Virg^a by his Majestys gracious Order. This Consideration