

Letter Bk. II. Scotia have succeeded to their wish having dispossessed the French of all the Forts they had built in that part of the Continent, The Papers tell us that several French Ships are blockt up in the Harbour of Louisburg by the English Squadron & that tis supposed the Rest of the French Fleet are gone up S^t Lawrence's River. In case of another Campaign agst Fort Du Quesne I am of Opinion there ought to be two or at least 1000 of our Woodsmen or Hunters who are marks-men & used to Rifles to preceed the Army & engage the Indians in their own way.

Original.

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

London Aug^t 22^d 1755D^r Sir

The Person who presents you this is M^r Stephen's, the Author Publish'd of a Treatise. The method & plain Process for making Pot-Ash having proved the Success by the Province of Massachuset's Bay, where he has a Furnace for that purpose, he has rec^d encouragement by Parliament, he acquaints me he designs shortly for America, where he intends to take a Tour thro the British Provinces, in order to establish so Beneficial a Commodity among the rest he hopes in Maryland. His Lord^p is sensible of the Utility of his Scheme, therefore desires all Favour from you to him, as does him who is with peculiar Esteem

Yours Sincerely

Cæcil^s Calvert.

To

His Ex^y Horatio Sharpe Esq^rLetter Bk. II.
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[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

Augst 23^d 1755—S^r

By y^r Express who is just returned hither from N York I have received a Lett^r from Gen^l Shirley together with Copies of his Lett^r & Instructions to Col^o Dunbar on the Receipt of that w^{ch} you sent him. As Gen^l Shirley tells me he has sent you Copies also I will not delay your Express longer than to acquaint you that I suppose Col^o Dunbar concluding from the Resolutions of the Pens^a Assembly that there was little Probability of his being sufficiently reinforced or assisted by these three Govern^{ts} to make another Attempt on Fort Du Quesne is proceeding in obedience to the Generals former Instructions dated the 6 Inst. towards N York or the Western Parts of that

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