

Province which as he has left us I hope he will be able to reach Letter Bk. II.
time enough to be of Service to the Northern Expeditions.
Gov^r Morriss' Lett^r dated the 20th together with the Journal of
his Assembly's proceedings which I presume you will also by
this Opportunity receive from him fully convince me that
nothing effectual will be ever done by these Colonies without
the Compulsion of an Act of Parliament, in case the Pensil-
vanians had shewed a different Disposition I should as I before
hinted to you have met our People instantly but as their
Behaviour has been such as I would not wish to see our
Assembly who are fond of following such Precedents imitate
there is little room for me to expect any thing from them were
they to be convened however I shall consult the Council
thereon this morning & proceed according to their Advice;
in the mean time we shall endeavour to encourage the Sub-
scription that has been set on foot whereby I hope to be
enabled to support 80 or 100 men for the Protection of our
Frontiers & to join with you in executing what I intimated to
you in my last or any other Scheme that may conduce to our
mutual Security, You have learnt from Col^o Innes what
motions the Enemy are making on the other side the moun-
tains & how matters are at Fort Cumberland whereupon the
Hospital is removed down to Frederick-town in this province
& if the Enemy should come against the Fort with any con- p. 131
siderable number of Men & Artillery I am apt to think the
Gov^r should have Orders to set fire to it & retire after destroying
whatever he may find himself unable to bring off—

[Robinson to Sharpe.]

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Whitehall 28th August 1755

Sir.

The Lords Justices having thought it necessary to appoint, without Loss of Time, a Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America, in the room of the late Major General Braddock, who was killed in the unfortunate Affair, of the 9th of last Month, on the Mononghela; I am to acquaint you, that Major General Shirley is ordered to take upon him, till His Majesty's farther Pleasure shall be signified, that Command, with like Powers, with which Major General Braddock held the same, and as M^r Shirley is furnished with Copies of every Order, Letter & Instruction, that has been sent from hence at any Time, to, or received from his Predecessor, you may correspond with him, & apply to him upon every occasion, & upon all Points in such manner as you was empowered to do, to Major General Braddock, & you will not only regularly observe