

I want much to hear if Pennsylvania Assembly have at their last meeting voted any Supplies. Our Forces must remain on the Defensive till the Spring, & till we have orders from Britain.

I remain with great Respect
Your Excellency's
Most obed^t hble Servant
Rob^t Dinwiddie

Gov^r Sharpe.

Original.

[Shirley to Sharpe.]

Camp at Oswego Oct^r 4th 1755

Sir

In my Letter of the 25th of September I informed your Honour that I should set out in three Days to proceed to Niagara; But upon finding Several matters, which had hap- pen'd since the last Council of War, had made the Officers who compos'd it, think it unadvisable to proceed in such an Attempt this year; I conven'd them again in Council; and as the minutes of both will best explain to your Honour the State of His Majestys Service here, I have inclosed Copies of them.

I am with great Regard,
Sir

Your Honours most Humble,
and most Obedient Servant
W Shirley

Hon^{ble} Horatio Sharpe Esq^r

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[Sharpe to In^o Sharpe.]

Oct^r 6th 1755

D^r B^r

The Day after my last was writ to you I accompanied S^r In^o S^t Clair 40 Miles by water towards Phil^a intending to make a short Tour thence thro part of the Province in Company with the Judges who happened to be at that time on the Circuit. The third Day after S^r John left us I received some Account of an Action that had happened on the 8th of that month between a large Body of French & Indians from Canada & the English provincial Troops who were under the Command of General Johnson near the Shore of what the French call Lake Sacre- ment: Since that time I have been in Expectation of receiving an Authentick & circumstantial Account of that Engagement, which I find was much in our favour but hitherto I owe all the Information that I have received concerning it to the Gazettes w^{ch} you have inclosed. General Shirley in a Lett^r dated at Oswego the 9th of Sept^r tells me that including the last