

My only reason is that he is esteemed a Gentⁿ of the best natural & acquired Abilities of any in His Ldp's Gov^t & at the same time looked on to be a Person of strict honour. What other People's Opinion of him may be I know not, but I am inclined to think he may be found of good Service if engaged in His Ldp's Interest, & not to be regained should he ever declare himself otherwise than a Friend to His Ldp's Measures & Gov^t I will give him & M^r Tasker a hint on what you mention tho I am apt to think M^r Dulany has received but little Benefit from that Office. Inclosed is the Bill of Excha that you sent protested renewed & herewith also you receive the Acts that were made last Session which were not till now printed. I have sent you the last Pens^a Gazettes which speak of another French Man of War's having fallen into the hands of the English. I know not what Credit is to be given to the Report as it does not seem to be very authentick. It has been said that the greatest part of Admiral Boscawen's Fleet was to sail to England this Fall; & we are told that General Johnson having almost finished the Fort which he has been building at the Carrying Place near Lake George is about to return home with most of the Provincial Troops for want of sufficient Supplies of Provisions, for the Troops that have joined him since the 8th of Sept^r General Shirley was preparing the 9th of last Month to make a Descent on Fort Frontenac or Cataracui but as I have not since heard from him I begin to fear he has found it impracticable I have not heard from Fort Cumberland since I writ last, but it is said that the Indians have lately disappeared with a Design (a Person who fell into their hands says) to deliver their Captives & Scalps at Fort Du Quesne & then return in greater Numbers. Beside Capt Dagworthy's Company at Fort Cumberland I have posted two small Companies of Men on the Frontiers & have ordered a Party of 30 Men from each County on this Side the Bay to range on the Frontiers during the Space of one Month from their Arrival there. two of the Parties are already marched & that from hence will march Saturday Morning. This Step will I hope hinder more of the People from leaving their Plantations beyond Conogee tho I doubt such Troops are not to be much relied on. with &c.

[Captain Spry to Sharpe.]

Original.

Fougueux in Halifax
Harbour the 20th of Oct^r 1755

Sir
Admiral Boscawen being sail'd for England and having honour'd me with the Command of all his Majesty's Ships and Vessels he has thought proper to leave in this Harbour, as