

Letter Bk. I. on the Convicts that he imports, otherwise we shall be involved in great Difficulties about replacing the £6000 that was granted by that Act of July 1754 for His Majesty's Service & is now expended. There is nothing of a particular or extraordinary Nature in the Laws, or that requires Explanation or Observations; the Bill to prevent the Exportation of Provisions to the French Colonies is little more than the former Act that expired, & is similar to those that have been made this Summer in the several other Govern^{ts} I have just received a Letter from General Shirley dated the 7th Inst wherein he tells me that the Report I mentioned in my other Lett^r concerning his Inability to act offensively this Summer is too well founded, & earnestly desires me to meet himself Gov^r Hardy & Gov^r Morris at N York the 7th of next Month to advise with them on taking some measures for making an early Campaign
 p. 174 next Spring in some part of the Continent. I am afraid we shall find ourselves unable to put any Plan that shall be concerted in Execution for want of Money & the necessary Supplies (the Assemblies being not to be depended on) but as he tells me such a Congress is at this time expedient & absolutely necessary for his Majesty's Service I cannot refuse to take the Journey hoping that his Ldp will not be displeas'd at my Absenting from his Govern^t for about a fortnight on such an Occasion, & I hope you will be pleas'd to assure his Ldp that I will take Care to leave M^r Tasker all the necessary powers & Instructions for the well Gov^t of the Province till I can return again hither. With &c.

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[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

Oct^r 28.

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Y^r Fav^r of the 3^d I received & also the Map that you was kind enough to procure & send me by Montgomerie. You will herewith receive a Packett from Gen^l Shirley containing I presume the minutes of two Councils of war that the General lately call'd that will shew you how Affairs stand at Ontario. He tells me that he intends to be at New York the 7th of next month & desires I will meet himself, Gov^r Hardy & Gov^r Morris there at that time, I know not what can be concerted or effected while such Disputes subsist in several of the Colonies, but as the General desires it I am preparing to set off for N York next Friday. It is reported that Gen^l Johnson will proceed no farther this Season, I dont know w^t Credit is to be given to the Report, tho I am inclin'd to think it is not entirely with^t foundation. M^r Gray did act as Brigade Major