

future Expedition it will be in vain to concert Plans for Conquest or undertake any Enterprize on the Continent of America—

Letter Bk. II.

P. S. to that Copy that was sent to W^m Sharpe Esq^r the 26th I have just been informed by Sr John S^t Clair who arrived this morning from Albany that the General has come to a Resolution to raise two more Regiments on the Establishment in America this winter, this I presume he is impowered to do by the Instructions that he has lately received from home; he will not dispose of such Regiments when raised but leave it to his Majesty to appoint the Colonels, As this is the Case I flatter myself you will not forget the Request I have already made that you will exert your Interest in my favour & endeavour to procure me the Command of one of them. I apprehend that a sufficient Number of Men to compleat the two Regiments will not be easily prevailed on to enlist but if your Application shall succeed I am persuaded a Considerable Number of Voluntiers will be found in my own Province—

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[Sharpe to John Sharpe.]

D^r B^r

N York Nov^r 26th

Since I sent the Lett^r that I writ yesterday on board I have been informed by Sr I S^t Clair who arrived from Albany this morning that General Shirley has come to a Resolution to raise 2 more Regiments in America this winter, this I presume he finds himself impowered to do by the Instructions w^{ch} he has lately received from home as Colonels are not already nominated for such two Regiments & the General will not take upon himself to appoint any I should be glad you would embrace this Opportunity of exerting your Interest in my favour & endeavour to procure me the Command of one of these Regiments; such a Nomination will enable me to raise a considerable Number of Men in Maryland & I am apt to think that unless some Gentlemen of Interest on the Continent have the Command 'twill not be very easy to raise such a number of Men in these Colonies. I hope Ld Baltimore will not be averse to such a Step but it will be proper to consult him thereon—

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

N York the 27th of November 1755—

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My Ld

In compliance with General Shirley's Request of which your Ldp has been advised I have been at this Place expecting