

directs me to Acquaint you, 'tis His desire that you do present him with the first Benefice that does become vacant, after Induction of such other Clergy he has noted to you.—Preferment to this Gentleman will give My Lord peculiar Satisfaction he being a Native of His Province, of sound Doctrine and Principles to our present Happy Establishment Both in Church and State.

Your Letters to Sir Thomas Robinson, and that directed to your Brother John or William are delivered.

I am with the greatest Esteem  
Yours most truly  
Cæcil<sup>s</sup> Calvert.

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieut Governor of Maryland.

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

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Annapolis Ian<sup>y</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1756—

Sir

Your Favour of the 22<sup>d</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> I received last Week on my Return from N York where my stay was protracted much longer than I expected by the General's not arriving till a month after the Day he had in his Lett<sup>r</sup> appointed. You desire me to inform you what was resolved on at that Congress p. 163 I presume you will by this same Conveyance receive a Copy of the Journal of our Proceedings, should you not, I will inclose you one as soon as the General shall send me a Copy. The first & principal Thing the Council advised was the securing at all Events & at any Expence the Navigation or Mastery of Ontario Lake, in Consequence of such Advice The General has I apprehend already given Orders for the immediate building of three or more Vessels of greater Force than those which were built last Summer & a Number of Whale-Boats for the Transportation of the Troops that may be employed in that service to Niagara or Cataracui Fort. The greatest Part of the General's & S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Pepperell's Regiments are left under the Command of Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Mercier to garrison Oswego this winter & 'tis proposed that the two British Regiments (one of w<sup>ch</sup> is at Albany the other at Skenectady) shall join them in the Spring as early as Marching is practicable. With those Regiments I conceive General Shirley will make a Descent on one or both of the French Forts at that Lake while a Body of Provincial Troops (should none other be sent over) attempt p. 164 Crown Point, at least make a Diversion that way to hinder the Enemy's drawing off their Troops from that Quarter to oppose the General on the Lake. It was also proposed & hoped that