

Pos<sup>t</sup> I have heard nothing of M<sup>r</sup> Stuart whom you put into My Office untill my Deputy was appoint'd whom by this time I reckon has enter'd the Office. It is with concern my giving you trouble in desiring you to inquire & inspect into M<sup>r</sup> Stuarts doing me Iustice, I can rely on none else of being adjust'd in paym<sup>t</sup>. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Meyer's Father inquires greatly after his son, he says he has not heard from him, wh<sup>o</sup> gives him much uneasyness, it is of consequence to the Minister himself Apperhending you see him, I desire you will apprise him of this, for his giving his Father satisfaction soon.

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[Fox to Sharpe.]

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Whitehall 13<sup>th</sup> March 1756.

Sir,

The Earl of Loudoun whom the King has appointed Commander in Chief of all His Forces, whatsoever, in North America, being preparing to set out with all possible Expedition, together with two Regiments of ffoot, a Train of Artillery, and a sufficient Quantity of Warlike Stores, which His Majesty has been pleased to order for the Publick Service, in those Parts, I am commanded to signify to you the King's Pleasure, that you should be ready to give His Lordship, and the Troops from England, all the Assistance in your Power, on their Arrival in America, agreeable to the orders sent you in Sir Thomas Robinson's Letter of October 26<sup>th</sup> 1754, and you will correspond with, and apply to the Earl of Loudoun, on all Occasions, in the same manner as you were directed to do with the late General Braddock, and Major General Shirley.

It being of great Importance to the King's Service, that all possible Facilities should be granted for the Encouragement of such Persons, as may be inclined to enlist in the King's Troops, It is His Majesty's Pleasure, that you should particularly recommend it to your Assembly to make Provision out of such Funds as already exist, or may hereafter be raised for the King's Service, for repaying the Masters of such Indented Servants, as shall engage in His Majesty's Service, the money paid by the said Masters upon the original Contract, in proportion to the time, such Indented Servants have to serve; and you will at all times discourage the harbouring, concealing or assisting such, as shall desert the Service, and also use all means for discovering and apprehending such Deserters; you will likewise use your best Endeavours to prevail on your Assembly to appropriate such part of the Funds now raised; or which shall be raised for the Publick Service, to be issued and applied to the General Service, in such manner as the Commander in Chief shall direct.