

Gordon the Engenier is here and desires his Compliments to you. I wish you all the Success you can desire and more satisfaction than I ever can hope for in America. I am with the greatest Regard

Your Excellencys
Most obedient and most
humble Servant
John S^t Clair

To His Excellency Gov^r Sharpe.

Original.

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Williamsburg May [24] 1756

Sir

Yours of the 10th I received. The Enemy that invaded our Frontiers & did so much Mischiefe are returned over the Allegany Mountains, whether to reinforce to return to plunder & murder our People is uncertain; but I am much of Opinion with you that without assistance from Home we shall cut but a bad Figure against the Enemy.

I am sorry the Pensylvanians are not more resolute in granting Supplies, and the Dillatoriness of your Assembly is surprizing, when the Time for Action will be greatly over before they grant Supplies.

We have a Volunteer Association of the Gentⁿ in this Province they have marched to the number of 200 to our Frontiers, it will be of Service in animating the lower Class of our People, tho' I think they will meet with no Enemy.

By Vote of Assembly we are making Draughts from the Militia to augment our Regiment to 1500 Private Men, but unless the neighbouring Colonies join them with a proper Number, what can be done? Indeed for want of Artillery & ~~Engineers~~ no Attempt can be made against their Fort on the Ohio; so that I think they can only remain to protect our Frontiers

By Col^o Ludwell we have represented our present situation to the Earl of Loudon (who we think may be at New York by this Time) and desire his Advice & Assistance. Our Assembly has voted 35000 more for the Service, but this is only keeping the Expedition alive, while our Neighbours appear to be wrapt up in supine Inactivity I am sorry you cannot order Your Militia out on any Extremity; & I shall be glad to know what your Assembly has done after so long a Session.

The same News we have here in regard to Lord Loudon & the Forces he is to bring with him, & that he is appointed Chief Governor of this Dominion in the room of Lord Albemarle.