

I have only to add, that upon Gov^r Dobbs's first acquainting me, ab^t four months ago, wth his Assembly's having rais'd three Companies to be employ'd in that part of his Maj^{ty}s Service, w^{ch} he should think best, & writing to me for Directions concerning their Destination, I desir'd him to send them to act wth the King's Troops upon Lake Ontario; But on my determining to recommend an Expedition upon the Ohio to the Western Colonies, I order'd them to be sent upon the Service under your Command: You will perceive by the inclos'd Extract of his Letter to me dated 23^d March; that he was then acquainted with those Orders thro' M^r Dinwiddie; But for the Reasons therein mention'd was determin'd to send his three Companies to join me, & not the Forces to be employ'd upon the Ohio; so that I am affraid you will be disappointed in your Expectation of them to Act with you.

I am with great Regard & Esteem,
Sir, Your Honour's most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
W Shirley

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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My Ld

As I have writ by this same Opportunity to M^r Calvert & acquainted him very particularly with the Event of our long Session of Assembly & every other matter that concerns Your Ldp's Interest or the Safety of y^r Province which I could possibly enlarge on at this time I shall not trouble your Ldp with any long or minute Detail of the Measures that have been taken, but leave it entirely to M^r Calvert to lay an Account of those Transactions before your Ldp & I hope the part I have acted therein will appear in such a light as will incline Y^r Ldp to approve of my Conduct. As the Sum of Money which is appropriated in the Bill that I have herewith transmitted towards carrying on an Expedition to the Westward is not to be used or touched unless the neighbouring Colonies will also contribute their proportionable & respective Quotas for that Service & as Governor Dobbs informs me that all the Troops which have been raised in N Carolina are at Gen^l Shirley's Request transported to N York & as the Pensilvanians have not & are not likely to grant any farther Supplies I give over all thoughts of seeing any Expedition undertaken in these parts this Summer especially as we have no Artillery & are very ill provided with Arms & Ammunition, neither could Magazines be now laid in time enough for a Campaign nor a

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