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[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Williamsburg June 18th 1756.

Sir

I wrote you the 24th Ult^o to which please be refer'd, I have not any from you since which surprizes me, as I shou'd be glad to know the last Determination of y^r Assembly. Our Assembly voted 60,000 for His Majesty's Service & further pass'd a Law to draught the Militia to augment our Forces to 1500 Men; but unluckily & against my opinion they excused the Men draughted on paying ten Pounds each, this in a great Measure defeated the Intention of the Law, as very many paid the 10^l the Number sent up to Winchester I as yet have not a true Acc^t of, but they will come far short of my Expectations.

One Stalniker, who was taken Prisoner by the Shawnese made his Escape; he says he saw six French Officers with 1000 Indians from Oubatch, bound to Fort Du Quesne, & reports they intended to visit our Frontiers this Sum̄er; I wou'd gladly think they have not near the Number mention'd but I tho' it necessary to acquaint you that we may be on our guard against them.

One Cap^t Brown, bound to y^r Gov^t in seven Weeks Passage from London, wrote to a Friend of his here, that 2000 Regulars were embarked for N York ten Days before he sail'd, & that Lord Loudon with 1000 more Forces, was to sail ten Days after him; they are much too late for this Sum̄er's Campaign, it may be expected that the next Post from N York will give us acc^t of the arrival of the first Detachment, & Lord Loudon with the others may very soon be expected.

I cannot see what we can do but be on the Defensive & I have given Colonel Washington Orders accordingly. I shall be glad of a Line from you with your Opinion on our present Situation.

Inclos'd You have the Treaty concluded with the Catawbas & Cherokees. I remain with kind Respects

Your Excellency's
Most hble Servant
Rob^t Dinwiddie

Letter Bl. III

[Sharpe to Gen. Wcbb.]

23^d of June 1756. From the North Mountain

Sir

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favour of the 9th Inst. which gave me the agreeable Account of your safe Arrival in America. I thank you for forwarding