

inclose you a Copy of a Letter which I have just writ to Ld Letter Bk. III Baltimore; I could wish its Contents were of another Nature, but really some Steps that have been taken at home compell me to speak my Sentiments pretty freely to His Lordship, I have before hinted to you what Channell all Preferment has gone thro since I have been honoured with His Ldp's Commission & if a Reformation be not shortly made the Authority of a Governor in this Province will be a very Shadow. I have writ pretty much in the same Stile to M^r Calvert but in such a way as I think he cannot take Offence thereat. It is I think more than probable that he will speak to yourself or Brother William thereon if he should I hope you will be able to convince him that a Governor without power to oblige or reward as well as to punish can never make many Friends & that it is more than likely that a Majority of those who obtain Favours without my Approbation or Interest set light by my power or commence my Enemies, if you can inculcate this Doctrine I think you will do His Ldp great Service at the same time that you add another Favour to the many by which you have made me Y^r most obliged

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[Shirley to Sharpe.]

Original.

New York July 13th 1756.

Dear Sir,

The Inclosed is Intended to be shewn to your Assembly.

I shall stay here a few days upon the earnest request of General Abercrombie & Colonel Webb (whom I left at Albany) in order to see Lord Loudoun and Communicate my Sentiments to him, upon the State of his Majesty's Service under his Command in North America, which they are of Opinion would be greatly to his Lordship's satisfaction, and much promote his Service.

Upon that occasion I shall press him to supply you, with Artillery & Ordnance Stores & an Engineer for Carrying on the intended Expedition with 3000 Men under your Command from the Western Colonies; which I am glad to find the Government of Virginia is well dispos'd to, by Gov^r Dinwiddie and Colonel Ludwell of the Council of that Province, now here to Complement Lord Loudoun upon his arrival: and I will recommend it to his Lordship in the strongest Terms to appoint Colonel Washington, the second in Command in that Expedition, which I beg the favour of you to let him know, and excuse to him my not writing him a Letter, on Account of the great hurry I am in here.