

I shall be extremely glad to execute any Commands for you in England to the utmost of my power; the surest way of your sending them to me, now my time is so short in North America, will be to forward them to England under Cover to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomlinson & Trecothick & Company Merchants in London.

I wish you Success in all your Undertaking's being with much truth & perfect Esteem.

Dear Sir,  
Your most Faithfull  
Humble Servant  
W Shirley

P. S. Cap<sup>t</sup> Dagworthy informs me, you are busy in building a Fort; I could wish, your Assembly had been content to place it, where you propos'd.

If you should find your Assembly inclin'd to express a favourable Sense of my Endeavour's to promote the General Interests of the Colonies in public Vote; I take the Liberty to say in Confidence to a Gentleman whom I esteem my Friend, that it would not be an unacceptable Complement to me.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup>

Original.

[Shirley to Sharpe.]

New York July 13<sup>th</sup> 1756.

Sir

Some days ago I had the Honour to receive at Albany, two Letters from the R<sup>t</sup> Honble M<sup>r</sup> Fox, one of his Majesty's principal Secretary's of State dated the 13<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March last, acquainting me in the former with his Majesty's appointment of the Earl of Loudoun to be General & Commander in Chief of his Forces in North America, and in the latter signifying to me that it having been represented to the King, that my presence in England may be very usefull & necessary to his Majesty's Service at this time; on Account of my being able to give many lights and Informations relative to the State of Affairs in North America, it was his Majesty's pleasure, that I should repair to England with all possible Expedition. And that for this purpose his Majesty had given directions to the Lords of the Admiralty, who have ordered a Frigate to receive me on board and proceed with me directly to England. And I have the pleasure of being acquainted in the former of these Letters that the Disposition, his Majesty has thought proper to make of the Command of his Forces in North America, is not owing to any dissatisfaction with my Services; But that on the Contrary it is