

probable this Fortification will cost the province £2000. but I am told that one is raising at Winchester in Virg^a that will not be built for less than four times that Sum & when finished will not be half so good. We have now recruiting Parties in every County. from the Royal Americans & the Nova Scotia Regiments who distress the people exceedingly by taking their Servants agreeable to the Act of Parliament which is said to have passed however I think the People richly deserve it, they have brought it on themselves & they & the Pensilvanians will feel the Burthen of it as there are more Indented Servants in these two Colonies than in all the Rest & as the people cannot well manage their Business without their Assistance. Some of our Planters in Baltimore have I hear risen on the Officers & rescued their Servants by force but I shall instantly take effectual Measures to prevent Attempts of that Sort for the future, lest the Officers should complain that His Majesty's Service is obstructed by Connivance of the Government. This I foresee will lay me under great Difficulties, for the People how ungrateful soever they may be will expect that I should protect them, & my giving the least Countenance to the Recruiting Officers will probably bring on me the ill Will of the people, while both my Duty to His Majesty & the present State of our Affairs on the Continent incline or rather compel me to encourage the Recruiting Service to the utmost of my power

I am S^r &c.

P. S. Since the above was writ I have received Letters advising me that a party of Indians came down from Pens^a on the Inhabitants of this Province who dwelt near Conegochiegh & have cut off many of them, thus if the Pensilvanians do not stand their Ground we shall have not only a Western but a Northern Frontier also to defend agst those Savage Enemies.

[Denny to Sharpe.]

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Philadelphia August 23^d 1756—

Sir

The Proprietaries having done me the Honor, with the Kings Approbation, to appoint me the Governor of this Province, I take this opportunity to inform you of my having published their Commission and taken upon me the Administration.

I shall be extremely glad to embrace all occasions of promoting his Majesty's Service and the General Interest of the Colonies, and as without an Union of Councils and a good