

Lower
House
Journal,
1754-57

I delivered a Copy of the Recruiting Instructions to each Captain of our Militia, with Orders to be Deligent, And I am Sorry we have not hither met with any Success.

I am Your Excellency's Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Jos: Belt.

[Sept. 1756.]

Original.

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Williamsburg Septem^r 8th 1756.

Sir

I wrote you by your Express, to which please be referr'd, I called the Councill, which agreable to Lord Loudoun's Letter, we laid a Prohipation on the Exportation of all manner of Provisions, which you may observe by the enclosed Gazette. I have summoned the Assembly to meet the 20th when I hope they will seriously consider our present Situation, & do what is absolutely necessary in the present Exigency of our Affairs.

I would gladly hope Oswego is not taken, Lord Loudoun's Letter to me is the 20th where he mentions his receiving Account thereof the night before, & I have Letters from New York of the 23^d that takes not the least notice of it.

This Express I send to Lord Loudoun he desires me to raise recruits for the Royal Americans, and send them directly to him, it's impossible to raise Men so soon, as to send them to Albany to be in Service this fall, however I am doing all in my Power to raise what Men I possibly can, but it will be attended with great Difficulties, unless I procure an Act of Assembly to make a general Draft from the Militia. I suppose you will see it proper to lay a Prohibition on the Exportation of Provisions from your Colony, as I think it ought to be general in all the Colonies. I remain with great respect

Your Excell^{cys}
Most obedient humble Serv^t
Rob^t Dinwiddie

Governor Sharpe.

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

13th of Sept^r 1756.

My Ld

I am sorry I should have such News to communicate but by the inclosed Gazette your Ldp will see that Oswego with its Guns Stores &c & the Vessels that Gen^l Shirley had built on Ontario Lake is fallen into the Enemy's hands, this Account