

[Loudoun to Sharpe.]

Original.

Fort Edward 30th October 1756.

Sir.

I have this minute, the favor of yours of the 12th with an Account of the bounty of your Government to us; for which I am extremely obliged to them, and singularly so to you; As you will see by my Letter, that the Troops will be in your Neighbourhood, I beg the Men may not be sent to New York, and I will order Officers to receive them.

I am, with great Truth and Esteem,

Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Loudoun

The Hon^{ble} Horatio Sharp Esq^r

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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1st Nov^r 1756.

My Lord

As I had nothing worthy Notice at that time to communicate I did not address Myself to your Ldp when I last writ to M^r Calvert. I am now to acquaint your Ldp that one W^m Johnson was yesterday brought hither from Fort Frederick by Capt Dagworthy's Order who being examined in the presence of M^r & Col^o Tasker y^r Ldp's Chief Iudge Attorney Gen^l & myself said that he was about 23 years ago born at a place called Marcus Hook in the Province of Pens^a where he was brought up in the Romish Faith & resided till within those few years when he removed to Baltimore County in this Province. Soon after the Encroachments of the French on His Majesty's Lands to the Westward became the Subject of Conversation among the People with whom he was conversant he entertained thoughts of going back to the French being moved thereto by the Discourses of the Roman Catholicks with whom he lived & one Priest Neal who frequently came among them. The Priest he says would very often take Occasion to enlarge on the Bravery Riches Happiness & Generosity of the French Nation & upon the News of Col^o Washington's Defeat in particular insisted much on the Generosity of the French Commander for permitting the Col^o to bring off his Wounded & said he was convinced that if the English had gained the Victory the French would not have been treated with such Mercy & Tenderness. On his asking the Priest whether the French would suffer any English person to come & reside