

Letter Bk. III time since paid after the Rate of one Shilling Currency or Seven pence farthing Sterl<sup>s</sup> a Day for the Diet & Lodging of each Man. If the Royal Americans are not enabled to clear their quarters in that manner I must if your Ldp pleases convene the Assembly & recommend it to them to make a new Regulation, but I doubt they will not be easily prevailed on to do so. Since I last addressed myself to your Ldp one Johnson a Native of Pens<sup>a</sup> who has these two years resided among & associated with the French & their Indian Allies on the Ohio has been sent hither from Fort Cumberland. He imposed himself on the Commanding Officer at that place as one that had made his Escape from the Savages & fled thither for Protection but on his Examination here he has acknowledged that he came from Fort du Quesne with a Detachment of 160 French & Indians who were to make an Incursion into this Province or to attempt Fort Cumberland if the Reduction of that Place should appear practicable. The Prisoner was sent to reconnoitre & inform himself of the Strength of the Garrison & had concealed himself near it for that purpose, but apprehending from some Motion of the Sentry that he was discovered he dropt his Tomahawk went up to him & pretended to be a Fugitive as I have already mentioned. Inclosed your Ldp receives the Information that he gives concerning the French Settlements & their Strength to the westward; He confesses that he came five times so far as the Allegany Mountains with the Savages that have laid waste our Borders & I beleive notwithstanding his Professions to the Contrary that he has been frequently lower down with them murdering the Inhabitants. I propose to order him back again to Fort Cumberland to be reexamined & rewarded according to His Deserts unless your Ldp shall be pleased to give Orders to the contrary—

I am &c—

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[Sharpe to Denny.]

15<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1756.

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I now do myself the honour to acknowledge the Rec<sup>t</sup> of your Favour dated the 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> & to send you a Copy of the Information of one Johnson who having near two years resided among the French & their Indian Allies was lately sent hither from Fort Cumberland. He acknowledges that he has several times accompanied the Indians from Fort Du Quesne to the Allegany Mountains & I am persuaded notwithstanding his professions to the contrary that he has been frequently further down with them murdering the Inhabitants. On His Exami-