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[Loudoun to Sharpe.]

New York January the 8th 1757—

Sir,

I am just setting out for Boston, where I have appointed a meeting, with the Governors of the Four New England Colonys, on the 13th in order to Concert with them, what assistance they will give, towards Carrying on the ensuing Campaign; as soon as that is over, I propose going to Philadelphia, in order to meet with you, and the Governors of the Southern Colonys, to concert a proper Plan, to be carryed on there, for their mutual Security and Defence, and such other things as may appear necessary, in the present Situation of Affairs.

I do propose this meeting, should be held at Philadelphia, on the 17th day of February next, where I shall be very happy to have the pleasure of meeting with you.—

As I hope, to have the pleasure of meeting you at Philadelphia, I shall postpone making any further answer to yours at present, than to beg you will keep that Spy you have got, till that time, and then have him carryed to Philadelphia, and I must likewise beg, that you will take the trouble to enquire about a Letter that fellow carryed from a Roman Catholic Priest in Maryland, to the Commanding Officer of one of the French Forts; and that if you find on Enquiry, that there is a proper foundation for it, that you would secure the Priest likewise.—

I am with great Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Loudoun

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

8th of Jan^y 1757—

Sir

Mr Stevens (whose Instructions for making Pot Ash you some time ago sent me) calling on me here in his way to Williamsburg & desiring my Letter of Introduction, I comply with his Request so far as to make him known to you—I should agreeable to my promise have sent you a Copy of the Examination of that Johnson als Marshall who was sent hither some time ago from Fort Cumberland had it not on farther Examination appeared that he had falsified in every Syllable he had spoken & that no Credit ought to be given to his Information. He at length proves to be a Deserter from the Independant Company that was commanded by Capt Clark & as I have