

to command the said Squadron, & it is the King's pleasure, that, in Case any Naval Assistance shall be wanted for the protection of your Government, you should apply for the same to the said Rear Admiral, or to the Commander in Chief for the time being of His Majesty's Ships in those Seas, who will send you such Assistance, as he may be able to do, consistently with the Service, with which He is charged by His Majesty's Instructions, & you will regularly communicate to the said Commander all such Intelligence, as shall come to your Knowledge, concerning the Arrival of any Ships of War, or Vessels having warlike Stores on Board; & likewise all such Advices, as may concern their Motions & Destination, or may, in any manner, relate to that part of his Majesty's Service, with which the Commanders of the King's Ships should be acquainted, & for the better Execution of the Orders sent you in this Letter, you will be diligent in employing proper persons & Vessels, not only to procure you the earliest Intelligence, but likewise to be dispatched from time to time, to the said Commander of His Majesty's Ships, with such Accounts, as you shall have Occasion to communicate to him.

It is also His Majesty's further pleasure, that you should use all legal Methods, whenever the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships shall apply to you, to raise such a Number of Seamen from time to time, as shall be wanted to recruit the Ships in North America.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient  
humble Servant  
W. Pitt

Original.

[Loudoun to Sharpe.]

New York Feb<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1757

Sir

On my arrival here last night I was Informed of your being come to Philadelphia and give you the trouble of this in order to make an appologe for not meeting you at the time I had appointed which as tis entirely owing to the business in New England having taken up more time than I had reason to expect I dare say you will easily Grant

As I have received letters from England which Requier Convoies it will take me a few dayes to despatch the Packet and the minute that is gone I will sett out to have the Pleasure of attending you at Philadelphia I ever am with Great Regards

Sir

Your most obedient  
humble Servant  
Loudoun

To Governor Horatio Sharpe.