

of that commanded by Capt Joshua Beall as will make the Number 150. On your Arrival there Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Steven or the officer that at present commands in that place will deliver up the Fort with its Artillery & all the Kings Stores that shall be therein, for the Stores you are to pass a Receipt as well as for the Provisions that the Commanding Officer shall have Orders to leave for the use of the Troops under your Command, with these Provisions you are to have the Garrison supplied as the Men have been at Fort Frederick till you receive farther Orders. You are to look on Col<sup>o</sup> Stanwix (who is about to march with a Detachment of the Royal American Regiment towards the Frontiers of Pensilv<sup>a</sup>) as your Commanding Officer during the Summer or till you receive farther Orders & you are regularly to correspond with & make due Returns to him accordingly not neglecting however to write to me & to advise me of all your Proceedings as you have hitherto done. I am &c—

Letter Bk. III

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Original.

Williamsburg Ap<sup>l</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1757.

Sir

I arrived here Thursday morning after I left Annapolis, & I found a Letter from Gov<sup>r</sup> Lyttleton, who is very apprehensive the French design to invade S<sup>o</sup> Carolina by Sea from Hispaniola & by Land from Mississippi, & has wrote fully to Lord Loudoun on that Head desir<sup>g</sup> assistance, which I forward with this.

I have order'd Col<sup>o</sup> Washington to march down to Fredericksburg 200 of the men from Fort Cumberland, to be transported to S<sup>o</sup> Carolina, not doubting but You have order'd Your Forces to garison that Fortress in the room of the Virginians, & I think [proper to] acquaint You therewith, that no Delay may be given to the Assistance of M<sup>r</sup> Lyttleton.

I have been confin'd to my Chamber ever since arrival by a violent Cold.—The Expresses Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker was so kind to send were paid here—My Complim<sup>ts</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Ridout & I remain with great Regard & Esteem

Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> hble. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dinwiddie