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1753-67.

Men with the greatest Expedition, so that they may be ready to march to such places as the Commander in Chief shall direct. In Consequence of which orders I do now apply to you to use your utmost Endeavour with your Council and Assembly to furnish a Body of four hundred good Men and that as many of them as possible should be used to ranging, to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's Forces the next Spring in carrying on vigorous and offensive Measures against the Enemy over and above what is necessary for the Defence of your own Forts on the Frontiers of your Province, and this Body should be ready to march by the Beginning of April.

As this will occasion the raising an additional Number to what your Province now have I would propose to you that the Addition should be raised only for the Campaign, and to be dismissed at the End of it, by which Means I am of opinion that it will not only be less expensive to the Province but you will the sooner compleat your Quota with good Men as they will be enabled to return to their own Habitations in the Winter.

I am the further induced to expect that they will readily comply with this Request that I will as soon as they join his Majesty's Forces supply them with the Kings Provisions at the Expence of the Crown which will greatly ease the Province in that material Article, and as the Service I propose to employ them on, will be an immediate Benefit and security to your Province, I need use no Arguments to induce you who are so well acquainted with the Interest of this Country to use your utmost Endeavours to forward this Measure so essential for carrying on the War and the Safety of your own province.

I am with great Regard Sir,  
Your most obedient humble Servant

To Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe.

Loudoun

[Sharpe to Denny.]

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Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Haldiman having informed me that he is about to send a party of Men to Phil<sup>a</sup> with some Deserters I have desired him to charge them likewise with Joseph Le Plante a French Cadet that was sometime ago taken near Fort Cumberland & I must beg the Favour of you to have him lodged in Your Prison till the Commanding Officer at Phila<sup>a</sup> shall receive orders from the Earl of Loudoun concerning him I have at the Instance of His Ldp given the Assembly the Assembly of this Province one more opportunity of providing if they think proper for the Support of the