

French Fort they are momentarily giving fresh Intelligence therefore must conclude with this confused Paragraph a safe Deliverance never was in greater Jeopardy, no men no Provisions this is the Cry of this Garrison, this is the second Express this man has been sent and no Pay for it (viz<sup>t</sup>) when Trent came in and the Catawba Indian the next Colonel I believe may be from Montreal for never such a set collected as we have to defend a Garrison for my part I am easy if Indians, I must fight, but if French as long as we can but I am afraid the great Guns wont be loaded by us a second time.

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[Washington to Sharpe.]

Fort Loudoun June 16. 1757.

Sir

This moment the inclosed Letters came to my Hands, I have not lost a moments time in transmitting them to you, as I look upon the Intelligence to be of the greatest Importance If the Enemy is coming down in such numbers and with such a Train of Artillery as we are bid to expect Fort Cumberland must inevitably fall into their Hands as no Efforts can be timely made to save it. p. 195.

I send you Sir a Copy of a Council of War held at this Place, and I intend to pursue the Resolutions therein contained 'till I receive Orders how to act it is morally certain that the next Object which the French have in View is Fort Loudoun and that is yet in a very untenable Posture they have no Roads for Carriages into any other Province but through this Place, and there lies here a Quantity of stores belonging to his Majesty and this Colony very much exposed and unguarded.

I shall not take up your Time Sir with sending a tedious Detail of the Fort, I have dispatched one Express Governor Dinwiddie, and another to Colonel

I am

Your Excellency's most obed<sup>t</sup> humble Servant,  
Geo: Washington

[Loudoun to Sharpe.]

Original.

His Majestys Ship Sutherland at the Hook 18<sup>th</sup> June 1757.

Sir

I have just now the favor of your Letter of June 4<sup>th</sup> by Mr Symmes the Embargo will be taken off in a limited time, after we got to Sea, which we hope to do to morrow morning, and that will answer his purpose.