

Letter Bk. IV Parts of it, by what Rights & on what Terms they hold &c) as would have enabled me to give you full Satisfaction with regard to it, but as the Steward did not meet Col^o Lloyd here according to Appointment & the Col^o is himself quite a Stranger to the Affair You must excuse my not complying at this time with the Promise I made you in my Lett^r of the 13th Ult, but as I have wrote to the Steward in very pressing Terms I hope he will not long delay to comply with my Requisition & that I shall be able to write to you very fully on this Subject by our Fleet which will sail for England the last of Sept^r In my Letter of the 4th of June I told you I could not learn that any Aliens Bill similar to that which was rejected by our Upper House last Dec^r had been ever passed in Pens^a but I perceive by a Copy of the Acts which were made in that Province last May that Govern^r Denny did at that time assent to One, of which you will herewith receive a Copy. It is with great pleasure that I now inform you of the Success of His Majesty's Arms in the Reduction of Niagara, Ticonderoga & Crown Point, a particular Account whereof you will find in the inclosed Gazette as the French & Indians who went from Venango to relieve Niagara suffered so much, it is hoped that the Enemy will not only not find themselves able to make a Descent on Pittsburg this Summer but that Brig^r Stanwix will if he chooses to make an Attempt reduce without any great Difficulty all the Forts that they have built at or near the Head of the Ohio River.

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

4th of Sept^r 1759.

Sir

Having been just now told that a Vessel which it was expected would have tarried for the Convoy will sail in a Day or two from Potuxent for London I embrace the Opportunity to inform you that very soon after the Reduction of Niagara the French who had garrisoned their Forts at Presquisle on the South Side of Lake Erie, on Riviere au Beuf, & at Venango thought proper to abandon those Posts & retire to Detroit where it is said they have a very considerable Settlement. I have not indeed received any Letter to this Purport from Brig^r Stanwix, but I believe there is no room to doubt the Truth of the Acco^t which as you will see by one of the inclosed Gazettes was brought to Pittsburg by three of our friendly Indians who had been up the Ohio for Intelligence. As you will likewise see in the inclosed Papers all the news that we have lately received from the Northward concerning the operations of His Majesty's Forces in that Quarter I