

Brig^r Stanwix commands at present on the Ohio but whether he has taken up his quarters at Pittsburg for the whole Winter or is determined to stay & finish the Fort which was begun the latter End of last Summer under his Direction I cannot tell. The Indians in that Quarter have been very quiet & tractable ever since the Reduction of Niagara but I see by the publick Papers that Some of the Cherokees have lately committed several Murders on the Frontiers of S^o Carolina. Governor Lyttleton having demanded the Offenders in order that they may be brought to Justice & the Towns to which they belon^ged having refused to deliver them up he is marching back into their Country with a large Body of his Militia; I hope this Expedition of the Governors will have a good Effect but really the Accounts that are given in the Gazettes do not incline one to entertain a very high opinion of the Men under his Command or to think that their Appearance will strike the Indians with Terror or Respect. I presume you have before this time seen a particular Journal of the Operations of the Troops that were employed last year up the River S^t Lawrence, Should you not, perhaps the Journal printed in the Gazettes herewith transmitted will afford you some Satisfaction. The Issue of that Expedition was truly glorious far exceeding I believe most People's Expectations.

I heartily congratulate you thereupon & upon the many other signal Successes with which God was pleased during the Course of the last year to bless His Majesty's Arms.

[Commissioners of Customs to Sharpe.]

Original.

Sir

Having by the Inclosed to M^r Randolph Surveyor General of the Southern part of the Continent of America acquainted him that We have pusuant to a Warrant of the Treasury issued our Deputation to Daniel Wolstenholme Esq^r to be Collector of the Customs at North Potomack in Maryland in the room of William Deacon deceased, We desire the favor of You in case of Mr. Randolphs Absence to admit M^r Wolstenholme to his duty on his executing the Bond inclosed in the Letter to the Surveyor General and taking the Oaths enjoined by Law, and grant him a certificate thereof to be transmitted to Us.

We are, Sir,

Your Excellency's most Obedient humble Servants

Custom house London

W Sevier

J: Evelyn

8th February 1760

R Cavendish

B Hotham

His Excellency the Governor of Maryland.