

Reported it so bad that he was surprized it had not already produced a plague; I had it immediately buried, and ordered our own Commissary to furnish the Provincials here with the same good Provision we Eat ourselves in the proportion they usually received Provisions; this Conduct of mine, I know, will displease some about which I am very Indifferent, as I know it the first Duty of Every man in any kind of authority to do all in his power to preserve the Healths of the Subject. I send you back M^r Hay & the Serjeant to Ioyne L' Campbell, who will all be under Your Direction, & beg you will believe that I am, with great Truth,

D^r Sir, Your most obed^t
humble servant
John Stanwix
(Colonel)

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[R. Smith to Sharpe.]

Carlisle July 4. 1757

Sir

Agreeable to my Instructions from M^r Atkins I immediately upon receiving your Orders sent a Party of the Cherokees to scour the Woods about Ray's Town, and I think it my Duty not only as it is agreeable to my Instructions from M^r Atkins but as the Good of his Majesty's Service depends on it to acquaint you of the Disposition and Temper of this party of Indians which came with me to this Government, and as your Honor may be the better judge of it have inclosed you a Copy of a Speech of theirs made at Fort Loudoun the 1st of this Instant and give you my opinion. These People say that one Part of their People had been with the French, and that they were returned with very large Presents and great Promises, upon finding that number of their People inclined to join the French they determined to come and see their Brothers the English as they have always had a Regard for them in hopes that their Brothers would treat them in such a manner that upon their going Home they should be able to shew their People that it was their Interest to let their Nation see that their Brothers were not that bad people which those in the French Interest had represented them, at their coming from their Towns, they told them the Virginians would deceive them and not perform their promises, they say they are sorry to find what they were told before they came from Home should turn out to be true that they do not value the Presents but should they go Home after being so long in the Service of the English, and have nothing to shew for their Services that they will be made a Mock of, and give the Party in the French