

others that he might be concerned with Last Winter while Lieut^r M^cBeane of the Royal American Regiment was in this Province, several of his Recruits deserted, two of them were afterwards taken by one M^r Woolford (whom I had employed to enlist men for the same Corps) & sent to M^r M^cBeane as he was marching to Phil^a. M^r Woolford victualled them several Days but was never repaid the money that he expended on that Account neither did he receive any thing for apprehending them. The Persons who concealed or entertained the Deserters have been since prosecuted & fined agreeable to the Act of Parliament, As the Deserters had never joined the Regiment I should be glad to know what you would have done with the Moiety of the Fines that is payable to the Officers or whether you would approve of M^r Woolford's & the Sheriff's being thereby reimbursed the Expence they were at in victualling the Deserters after they were apprehended. Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Denny.]

15th of Iuly 1757.

Sir

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter dated the 23^d of Iune & at the same time to inform you that I yesterday received one from Fort Cumberland dated the 10th Inst wherein Capt Dagworthy tells me that one Iohn Street who was sometime since a Drummer in that Company of Your Forces which was commanded by Capt Ward & was taken Prisoner at Fort Granville when that place was reduced has made his Escape together with some Negro that the Indians had captivated & that they are both come into Fort Cumberland Street having been examined upon Oath says that after he was taken Prisoner he was carried by the way of Fort du Quesne to a small Town which lies two miles below that place where he was detained till the Spring, that he was then taken to the Loggs Town & kept there till May when being sold for a Servant to an Indian Trader he attended his master to Fort Du Quesne & stayed there about a month when he effected his Escape. That when he went with the Trader to Fort Du Quesne the Garrison in that place consisted of between 300 & 400 French & a few Indians, but that about a month ago they were reinforced by 200 French who came from the Mississippi & brought up a very considerable Quantity of Provisions in 12 large Boats. Upon the Arrival of which there was great Rejoicing & the Officer who commanded the Reinforcement was saluted by a Discharge of Cannon & small Arms. that a few Days after this about 200 French & Indians went out in pursuit of some Scouting Party