

Letter Bk. I. to be undertaken agst Fort Cumberland immediately on their Arrival for which Six Cannon & two Mortars had been got ready, Beside this Street there is one Lewny that is just come from Niagara where he says the French have a Fort w^{ch} mounts twenty four 6. 9 & 12 Lbrs & is garrisoned with 300 Men that the night before he left that place 280 French arrived there from Cataraqui in their Rout to Fort Du Quesne towards which place they were to proceed the next morning. this Lewny served last year as an Ensign in the Virg^a Troops & I think his Account as well as Streets Relation of what he saw may be depended on.

If Fort Cumberland is the place that the French have in View I hope the Commanding Officer will be advised very early of their Approach that he might call on Col^o Stanwix in time for Aid otherwise I shall be under very great Uneasiness for the place is really so weak as well from its Situation as the manner after which it is constructed that it will be no easy Task to defend it against any considerable Body, the Troops that do Duty there at this time are I beleive near 300. the rest of our Men in number about 130 remain at Fort Fred^k to garrison that place & patroll on the Frontiers.

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

1st of Augst 1757. transmitted by Capt Coolidge. Duplicate by Capt Johnson.

Sir

The inclosed Lett^r is in Answer to one that I lately received from His Ldp wherein he desires to know why the Judges of the Land Office have not continued to make Remittances to M^r Wogan agreeable to the Orders that he was some time since pleased to send them. You may remember that I sent you with a Letter of mine dated the 19th April 1755, An Account that had been dld me by M^r Calvert & D^r Steuart to shew that the Income of that Office would not enable them to pay that additional £100 p Ann together with Your Claim. I have understood that they writ to you at the same time desiring you to represent their Case to His Ldp & petitioning to be released from the Payment of that money. What Representation they made or what weight it had with His Ldp or You I know not but when I have asked them why they delayed to comply with His Ldp's Instruction in favour of M^r Wogan they have said that they were sure His Ldp would not expect or require them to do so after he should be or had been advised of their Situation & the State of the Office & that they looked on Your Silence as an Indication of their Requests being granted. I have now communicated to them