

[Sharpe to Holderness.]

Letter Bk. III

2<sup>d</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> 1757.

My Ld

A Vessel being just about to sail hence for England I embrace the Opportunity to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Ldps Letter dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of May which was brought to me last night from N York & to assure your Ldp that a Copy of the order which His Majesty in Council was pleased to issue the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> last shall be dld to every Person that shall apply to me for Letters of Reprizal & I will at the same time acquaint them that they will be prosecuted with the utmost Severity if they presume in any manner to act contrary thereto. As our Ports lye at a considerable Distance from the Sea, no Privateers ever put in here or send their Prizes hither for a Markett. but if any should arrive the Port Officers will Immediately advise me thereof & if the Master shall not have received a Copy of the abovementioned Order I will not fail to send him one & to give him a proper Charge therewith. in Case Snooke or Hadden shall be ever found in any Part of this Govern<sup>t</sup> I will take particular Care to have them secured untill I can receive farther Instructions from the Governor of Nova Scotia or New York & when I do receive them the Offenders shall be dealt with accordingly—

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Original.

Williamsburg Aug<sup>t</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1757

Sir

I send this by Express to acquaint You that Cap<sup>t</sup> Arburthnott of His Majesty's Ship Garland, is to convoy the Trade from this to Britain, & desires they may join him in Hampton Road the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> that Day he proposes to sail; I tho<sup>t</sup> it wou<sup>d</sup> be of Service to the Trade of Your Colony to be acquainted therewith, not doubting they will be glad of Convoy, which will be a great Saving to the Owners & Freighters, as I hear Insurance is at 25 p C<sup>t</sup> to drawback 15 p C<sup>t</sup> if they sail with Convoy.

I propose laying an Embargo on all Ships loaded with Tobacco till the above Time of his sailing, which I think both necessary & proper.

Pray write me any News You may have from the N<sup>o</sup>w<sup>d</sup> I am in Pain to hear of the Junction of the Forces from Britain with those L<sup>d</sup> Loudoun carried from New York & if they proceeded on the Grand Expedition against Canada, I fear the Season is too far advanc'd, however if any Probability of Success he certainly will put it in execution.