

The Enemy I hear has lately invaded our Frontiers in Augusta, & committed some Murders, but I have not the particulars.

With great Esteem & Respect I remain  
Your Excellency's  
most obed<sup>t</sup> hble Servant  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dinwiddie

Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

To Gover<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie. the 10<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> 1757.

Sir

I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter dated the 28<sup>th</sup> of Iuly as well as to return You Thanks for Your Favour of the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst, the Contents of which so far as they concern our Trade I shall have communicated to our people in the next Gazette. the Convoy that was sent to Fort Cumberland is returned without having seen an Enemy but soon after they left Fort Frederick some Mischief was done on our Frontiers which obliged me to order two small Detachments from the Militia to patroll for some time beyond our Settlements. The inclosed Gazette contains all the News that we have lately received from the Northward. We hope that the Fleet is long before this time sailed from Hallifax, where His Ldp intends to have the Troops landed I know not but it is generally thought that his Design is to attack Louisburg. I observe that an Ensign of Yours who made his Escape a few weeks since from Niagara says the French are actually sending a considerable Number of men from Canada to Fort Du Quesne & agrees with Street in declaring that they are meditating an Expedition ag<sup>st</sup> Fort Cumberland. By a Gent<sup>n</sup> who came from Carlyle the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst I am told that the Royal Americans desert daily especially the Germans who as there is great Reason to beleive go off to Fort Du Quesne.

With the greatest Regard &c

Original.

[Denny to Sharpe.]

Philadelphia 10 August 1757

Sir

I am obliged to you for your favour of the 14<sup>th</sup> Iuly which was forwarded by Express to me at Easton. Coll<sup>o</sup> Stanwix was likewise so good as to send me Streets Examination w<sup>ch</sup> agrees with the Account you give me of it. It has been a great Doubt whether any Reinforcements ever come from the Mississippi to Fort Dusquesne: this renders it certain Seven