

Letter Bk. III be very slow in their motions & ill provided with Arms, & Fort Cumberland is not a place that can stand a Siege. I am very glad to find that you are so well pleased with the Behaviour of the Indians that met you lately at Easton & that you entertain such sanguine hopes that their future Conduct will be agreeable to the promises that they have now made. What You intimate concerning the Behaviour of some of Your People who have busied themselves so much of late with these Indians excites my Curiosity greatly. I shall therefore be much obliged to you for a Copy of the minutes that were taken at Your late Treaty whenever you shall be pleased to favour me with one & have leisure to give me some Account of those Gent^{ns} Transactions. It was reported here a few Days ago that some of the Cherokees who were at Winchester had murdered one of the Inhabitants & threatened them all after the most insolent manner but I am now told by an Officer from Fort Frederick that there was not much foundation for the story & that the Indians are througly reconciled. I am told that the Royal Americans desert from Col^o Stanwix very fast but not I hope in such numbers as the Virginians go off in, I have been assured that Col^o Washington has lost more than 100 in a week & not one of them has been apprehended or discovered to him. If any of the Masters of Vessels in Your port choose to sail for England under Convoy of the Garland man of War you will be pleased to have it signified to them that Capt Arbuthnot will sail from Hampton Road the 15th of Sept^r if the wind & weather shall permit him to do so.

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

16th Augst 1757.

Sir

You will by the inclosed Copy of a Letter from Gov^r Delancey to the Council of N York that Fort W^m Henry surrendered the 8th Inst & that the Enemy attacked Fort Edward the 9th Governor Denny adds nothing to the News that is contained in the inclosed Letters

I am &c.

At the same time His Excellency writ to Governor Denny acknowledging the Receipt of his Letter of the 13th w^{ch} contained the News abovement^d

Original.

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Williamsburg Aug. 18th 1757.

Sir

Your Letter of the 13th by Express I receiv'd & heartily thank You for it. The Day before Your Express arrived I