

had Letters from New York of the 11<sup>th</sup> by a Vessell that had a short Passage with much the same Acc<sup>t</sup> as You have of the Attack of Fort W<sup>m</sup> Henry; Col<sup>o</sup> Hunter writes me the Fort was summon'd to surrender to Monsieur Montcalme who commands the French, he was answer'd "his Summons was too premature by three Weeks." however I am in Pain for that Garrison, without a considerable Reinforcement it must be taken. I send you a small Sketch of News from Beverley Robinson from the Albany Post, who arriv'd at N York the 11<sup>th</sup> of this Month.

Col<sup>o</sup> Hunter further writes that the whole Forces were arrived at Halifax with twenty Sail of Line of Battle Ships; that Lord Loudoun was to sail the 25<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> to attack Louisbourg, as it's too late for Canada, that he will be able to land 18,000 Men; the French expect them having eight sail of the Line drawn up to defend the Harbour. We had the good Fortune to lose only six Men of that large Number of Transports from Ireland & they are in high Spirits.

Our Laws are not yet printed, or I wou'd have sent you the Acts I formerly mention'd.

I remain with Respect  
P. S. As I have been violently  
seiz'd with the Fever & Ague  
'tis with Difficulty I write.  
As the Express was in want  
of Money I gave him 20/.

Sir  
Your most hble Servant  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dinwiddie

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Original.

Williamsburg Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1757

Sir

I am fav<sup>d</sup> with Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> for which I thank You. Our Affairs to the N<sup>o</sup>w<sup>d</sup> have a very gloomy Aspect; I am in Pain for N York, the People must be under the greatest Concern and Apprehensions of Danger, as I suppose most of our Regulars are made Prisoners of War; the Dependance on the Militia is bad, as I am of Opinion they are not in good Order, & I fear the Enemy may be at Albany by this Time, as they were starving or in great Want of Provisions in Canada; their coming into the Land of Plenty will enable them to lay in great Stores for some Time, & probably lay the Country under Contribution—Pray God protect us & I hope they sent Expresses to L<sup>d</sup> Loudoun, who probably may send Reinforcements of Ships & Men.

Pray let me know the Tenor of the Contract with M<sup>r</sup> Ross for Victualing Your Forces.

I remain with great Respect & Regard  
Your Excell<sup>t</sup>  
most obed<sup>t</sup> hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dinwiddie

Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe