

Letter Bk. I. I hope Your Ldp will approve & that you will always believe me to be with the utmost Respect &

To the Duplicate was added.

P. S. Sept^r 8^t I am just informed that Lord Loudoun is actually returned to N. York with 10 Reg^{ts} Admiral Holborne is cruizing off Louisburg with 15 ships of the Line in hopes that the French will be tempted to give him Battle, but it is generally thought that notwithstanding the superiority of their Fleet they will avoid coming to an Action so it will be absolutely out of our Power to act offensively either by Land or Sea in America this year & I am afraid our Affairs will never assume a better Face unless some method can be fallen upon to oblige the Colonies to exert their united Strength.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

To Governor Dinwiddie the 6th of Sept^r 1757—

Sir

A Gentⁿ of this Province having intimated to me that he intends to proceed to Hampton to Morrow if the Weather permits I embrace the Opportunity to acknowledge the Receipt of your two Letters dated the 18th & 26th of Augst & also to inclose you a Copy of the Contract that Doctor Ross entered into when he engaged to victual our Troops. I send you also the last Pens^a Gazette wherein you will find a Translation of the Summons that the Marquis of Montcalm sent to Lieut^t Col^o Monro when he invested Fort William Henry & also a Copy of the Capitulation. Notwithstanding the Engagement that all our Officers & Men should be permitted to carry off their Baggage & that the Sick & wounded should be taken Care of the Indians were suffered to scalp all the latter before the Garrison marched out of the Fort & to plunder both the Officers & Men many of whom they stripped entirely naked as I am informed by a Young Gentⁿ that was so unfortunate as to be treated after that manner, he also tells me that the Army under the Command of General Montcalm consisted of near 12000 Men among whom were six Regiments of Regular Troops from Europe 2500 Indians, the Rest were Canadians & they brought with them 20 Pieces of Cannon & 12 Mortars During the Siege two 32 Lbrs, two 18 Lbrs, one 12 Lbr a 6 Lbr, & two Mortars burst in the Fort so that at the time it surrendered there remained fit for Service no more than one 12 Lbr one 9 Lbr two 4 Lbrs, & one Howitzer & not above 8 Rounds of Ammunition. The Enemy came from Ticonderoga in about 300 Boats & as soon as they had destroyed the Fort they returned the same way. What number of Men