

Lib. J. R. thing of the Character that fills it, if I was not so well acquainted with it. the deference and Obedience you owe to his Majesty's Appointment will of Course dispose you to cooperate in every thing his Lordship shall propose, for his Majesty's Service and therefore I can have Nothing to recommend to you on that Head, but as a Friend of his Lordships' I must indulge the pleasure of assuring you that his Lordships natural Disposition and amiable qualities leave me no Room to doubt but that you will have the greatest Satisfaction in carrying on the public Business with him. The Events of the ensuing Campaign, in which the Interest, Honour and Safety of his Majesty's American Dominions, are so deeply concerned are in the Hands of Providence; but his Majesty as far as he has been able to provide for the Success of his Arms by the choice of a General seems to have done it in the Appointment of the Earl of Loudoun. A great Empire is to be fought for, and one in which his Majesty's Subjects, if they exert themselves with the Vigour they ought to do, have (I thank God) a manifest superiority that their Minds may be wholly intent upon the great Business in Hand, and in no Degree diverted by Considerations of a lesser Moment from the important Object in View, it is the Duty of the Governours of all his Majesty's provinces (and I earnestly recommend it to you) to use their utmost Endeavours in suppressing and preventing any partial provincial Altercations, Jealousies, or Disputes which may impede and obstruct the just and vigorous Measures his Majesty is pleased to pursue in maintenance of his just Rights, the Honour of his Crown and the Security of his Subjects.

I am S^r your most obedient, and humble Servant
Dunk Halifax

London March 9th 1756:

Dear Sir

I have the Pleasure to deliver this to the Earl of Loudoun, and to inform you of the Happiness his Majesty has done America by his Appointm^t of his Lordship Commander in chief of all his Forces there his Lordship's real Merit is so well known and acknowledged as needs no Illustration. My Desire is, and seriously require of you my Lieutenant Governor, that you do not fail in Obedience to his Majestys Commission to his Lordship, and to the Importance and Service thereof, and that you in every thing with fidelity will render yourself and incite the Legislature of Assembly in the province to give all Aid and Supply requisite, and to require the Magistrates and Officers military as well as all other persons