

Fort Loudoun June 16.. 1757..

Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

Sir

This moment the inclosed Letters came to my Hands, I have not, lost a Moments time in transmitting them to you as I look upon the Intelligence to be of the greatest Importance if the Enemy is coming down in such Numbers, and with such a Train of Artillery as we are bid to expect Fort Cumberland must inevitably fall into their Hands as no Efforts can be timely made to save it. p. 195

I send you Sir a Copy of a Council of War held at this Place, and I intend to pursue the Resolutions therein contained 'till I receive Orders how to act it is morally certain that the next Object which the French have in View is Fort Loudoun and that is yet in very untenable Posture they have no Roads for Carriages into any other Province but through this Place, and there lies here a Quantity of Stores belonging to his Majesty and this Colony very much exposed and unguarded.

I shall not take up your Time Sir with sending a tedious Detail of the Fort, I have dispatched one Express to Governor Dinwiddie, and another to Colonel

I am

Your Excellency's most obed^t humble Servant
Geo: Washington

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 27.. Day of June in the seventh year of his Lordships' Dominion Annoq Dom.. 1757..

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor

Ordered that the following Letter be sent to the several Officers of the Customs within this province

Sir

Having received Advice that the Embargo was to be this Day taken off in the port of Philadelphia, I hereby signify to you that it is taken off in all the ports of this Province also, you are therefore no longer to pay any Regard to the Order contained in my Letter of the ninth of March nor refuse to clear out any Vessel whatever on Account of that Letter.

I am

Annapolis 27: June 1757.

Sir
Your most humble Servant
Hor^o Sharpe—