

Saturday Morning, 13th March, 1756.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
March 13

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

M.^r Hynson, M.^r Wallis, M.^r Ward, M.^r Handy, M.^r Waggaman, M.^r John Goldsborough, Col. Henry, M.^r Casson, and M.^r Charles Goldsborough, have Leave of the House to go home.

The Governor communicated to M.^r Speaker the following Message, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

Inclosed you have Governor Dinwiddie's Answer to a Letter that I sent him on the Subject of your Addresses of the first and third Instant.

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Hor.^o Sharpe.

And the following Letter,

Williamsburg, March 8, 1756.

Sir,

The Commissioners to the Catawbas and Cherokees have been gone a Month; when they return, shall give you a true Account of their Transactions with those People. I have some Hopes they will supply us with 1000 Men, who must be paid and supported by the neighbouring Colonies.

The Cherokees that came into Augusta about three Months ago, with 230 of our Rangers, are gone to attack the Shawnese in their Towns: I wish them Success, and on their Return shall give you an Account of what has been done by them. p. 194

We are intirely in want of Arms; none are sent here from his Majesty: Our Agent says there are 6000 sent to New-England, to be distributed among the Colonies; they would have come sooner to hand if sent from London. I have wrote General Shirley the great want we are in, and desired to be supplied if in his Power. I am glad your Assembly has voted £40,000 and wish our Assembly may be prevailed on to grant a handsome Sum. They meet the 25th.

I am sorry for that Part of your Letter, that the French intend to attack Oswego this Winter, and hope the Intelligence is groundless; but I fear we have not Men sufficient there to defend the Place.

I would gladly hope that the Operations for these Southern Colonies should be to the Ohio; if they did not succeed in taking the Fort, they would make a very good Diversion, by hindering them on the Ohio from marching to Niagara; and I fear it's impossible to prevail with our People to go to Albany.

There are four Brass Cannon, of 12 Pounders, with all their Appurtenances, landed here. General Shirley ordered them to New-York, but I stopt them till I hear from him, as they will be greatly