

to avoid and remove (as far as the Circumstances of a Country become the Seat of War will Admit) every thing that may any way burthen or Hurt the Interest of any Individual.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
September
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I shall on all Occasions, and in every thing relative to the Service and Interest of the Colonies, Communicate with your Honour and beg at all times to be favoured from you with all matters of Advice and Intelligence relative to the Same, and shall impatiently expect the Returns you are Directed to Send.

I beg you to be Assured, that I am with the Highest Esteem.

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Sir

Your Honours

Most Obedient and most

Humble Servant

The Hon.^{ble} Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r

Loudoun

Albany 20.th August 1756.

Sir,

I Received last night Accounts by which I apprehend that Oswego with all its Stores and Ammunition and the Train placed there is lost, the Garrison made Prisoners, and our Naval Power on the Lake Destroyed. I must put you on your Guard against every Ill Consequence of Such an unhappy Event, and as you may now expect the weight of the French Indian power on your Back I must Caution you to put your Frontiers immediately in the best posture of Defence you are able as from the Condition and Number of Troops left to me when I come to my Command I can scarce hope to do more than to Resist the French power in these Quarters. Were my hands Strengthened to enable me to Act, I would not Despair of Retrieving this Misfortune and to wrest out of the hands of the French this Important post that by a Series of bad Circumstances has fallen too easy a prey to them.

I must in the Strongest manner and from Motives of the most Interesting nature Demand Your Assistance and that of your Province. His Majesty having been Graciously pleased to Send over to America a Number of Officers for the Service of these Countries, his Royal American Regiment of four Batallions does expect that the Colonies will Supply the Levies for this Regiment, the State of the Service does now Require that this Regiment should be immediately Completed. There is no Aid you could Send me in any shape would be so usefull as Recruits to Compleat this Regiment, as under such good Officers as his Majesty has appointed to it they would be soon if not Directly fit for Service. The Levy money is in all Justice and right expected of the Colonies but if Obstructions to the Service arise within your Province on this head; I must at this time undertake to Advance it.