

Directed to you. I beg you to be assured, that I am with the highest Esteem
S^r Your Honour's most obedient and most
The Honble. Horatio Sharp Esq^r humble Servant. London

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Grosvenor Square May 11th 1756

This Letter will be sent you by the Earl of Loudoun whom his Majesty has appointed Captain General of his Forces in North America, a post of so high and important a Nature, that it might appear a sort of presumption in me to say any thing of the Character that fills it, if I was not so well acquainted with it. The reverence and Obedience you owe to his Majesty's Appointment, will of course dispose you to co-operate 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 Lordship's, I must indulge the Pleasure of assuring you, that his Lordship's 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 Colonies, 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 Alterations, Jealousies, or Difficulties 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.

James 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 Appointment of his Lordship's Commander in Chief of all his Forces there. his Lordship's

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