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Lett^r to Lord Baltimore dated Oct. 22. 1755

My Ld.

I have but just had the pleasure of receiving the Letter that your Ld^{ty} did me the honour to write the 14th of May. The Approbation your Ld^{ty} is pleased to express of my past Conduct gives me inexpressible Satisfaction & I hope your Ld^{ty} will be persuaded that it shall be my constant Study to ~~deserve~~ merit the Continuance of your Ld^{ty}'s Favours. Sooner than this the Plan that was proposed for the Collection of the Quit Rents could not be put in Execution but the Sheriff do now farm them at Ten p^r Cent which is but half the Charge that was given when I was honoured with your Ld^{ty}'s Commission. On this as well as your Ld^{ty}'s other Affairs I have written fully to Mr Calvert who will submit my Letters to your Ld^{ty} & signify to me your Ld^{ty}'s pleasure thereon. I have not heard from General Shirley since the 9th of last month whence I am afraid he finds it impossible to execute any thing this Fall; it is reported too that the French Men of War which were in Louisburg have given the English Squadron the Slip, & that Admiral Boscawen with the greatest part of the Fleet under his Command is returned to Halifax & about to sail for England. We are also told that since the Action which happened on the 8th of Sept. General Johnson has been reinforced by 5000 or 6000 Men from New England but that being unable to proceed to Crown Point for want of Provisions he was considering a place of Defence at the Carrying Place near Lake George wherein he would leave a strong Garrison & the

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