

the future, lest the Officers should complain that His Majesty's Service is obstructed
by connivance of the Government. This I foresee will lay me under great
Difficulties, for the People how ungrateful soever they may be will expect
that I should protect them, & my giving the least Countenance to the Accu-
sing Officers will probably bring on me the ill will of the People, while both
my Duty to His Majesty & the present State of our Affairs on the Continent
incline or rather compel me to encourage the Recruiting Service to the utmost
of my power *am* *Sam*
Je *am*

P.S.
Since the above was writ I have received Letters advising me that a party of Indians
came down from Penn^a on the Inhabitants of this Province who dwell near Conego-
chicogh & have cut off many of them, thus if the Pensilvanians do not stand their
ground we shall have not only a western but a Northern Frontier also to defend
ag^t those Savage Enemies *am*

Copy of a Letter to His Lordship dated the 13th of
Sept. 1756

My Ld
I am sorry I should have such News to communicate but
by the inclosed Gazette Your Ldp will see that Oswego with
its Guns Stores & the Vessels that Gen^l Shirley had built
on Ontario Lake is fallen into the Enemy's hands, this Account
is confirmed to me by the Earl of Loudoun but His Ldp does
not in his Letter descend to particulars or acquaint me with
the State of the Garrison tho' it is asserted & generally believed
that they were all but a few put to the Sword after the Com-
manding Officer had signed a Capitulation. This unhappy
Event has I find thrown the Northern Colonies into great Con-
sternation as they can no longer question whether the French
have a large Army in America & as their hopes concerning
the Success of the Provincials ag^t Crown Point become less
sanguine