

Williamsburg 9 Febr 1755. To General ~~Robinson~~

Sir

At the time I was setting out for Little-Crocker a Letter came to hand from Sr Tho. Robinson placing in compliance therewith given necessary Directions for procuring a Quantity of fresh Provision raising a Proportion of Men for completing the British Regiment I proceeded to the Fort to prepare materials & build Barracks there for the Reception of the Troops under your ~~Order~~ Demand that as little time might be lost as possible Soon after my arrival I was favoured w<sup>th</sup> a Letter from Sr J<sup>r</sup> St Clair who arrived here himself two Days after being the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. when it was thought unnecessary to quit of Fort to that Camp as the Season w<sup>o</sup> be sufficiently advanced to admit of an Encampment before the Artillery could be got thither, or Provisions & Carriage<sup>s</sup> be well laid in. Should that Place be judged a proper Rendezvous which Sr J<sup>r</sup> is in doubt about & am of the same way of thinking.

The next Day Sr John examined some Hunters that I had appointed there to go with one & reconnoitre the Heights between that of the French Fort; amongst whom he found but one person that understood or could give him any tolerable information about the matter after this & finding upon a proper Magazine for Powder we set off to explore Notawach River which proved from the Number of Shoals & falls to be of no Service in transporting either Artillery or other Maggazine.