

but I flatter myself that the Spirit of the Northern Colonias, will not let him want Succours & I have such an Opinion of his Abilities as to think he will make the best use of them. I have writ to D. Albemarle the Lett inclosed & therein taken the Liberty to intimate my Opinion concerning the present Posture of our Affairs on this Continent. I have also transmitted a Lett to Sr Tho. Robinson by this same conveyance

To Sir Thomas Robinson August 11. 1755

Mt. Noble

The 23^d of July I took the Liberty to acquaint you with General Braddock's Misfortune & that I was proceeding to Fort Cumberland to tender my Services to Col^o Dunbar & his Majesty's Troops that were returned thither I was glad to find at my Arrival that there was no want of fresh Provisions among them but the Col^o had given Order to the two Regiments & the Independent Companies to hold themselves in readiness to march for Phila. last Saturday Evening while I was there Col^o Dunbar called a Council of War at which I was desired to attend & with the other Gent^l give my Opinion on the present Situation of Affairs in America & whether his Majesty's Forces again immediately to attack the French Forts on the Ohio River would be expedient or conducive to his Majesty's Service He informed me that all the Artillery & Stores excepting four Co^ls were either fallen into the Enemy's hands or had been destroyed by the General's Order after the Engagement, this is a Loss that cannot be repaired in these Colonies where there