

Oct 28. Gov Dinwiddie,

I by the last of the 3^d I received, & also the Map that you was kind enough to procure & send me by Montgomerie. You will hereunto receive a Packet from Gen^l Shirley containing I presume the Minutes of two Councils of War that the General lately called that will show you how Affairs stand at Ontario. He tells me that he intends to be at New York the 7th of next Month, & desires I will meet himself, Gov Hardy & Gov Morris there at that time, I know not what can be concerted or effected while such Disputes subsist in several of the Colonies, but as the General desires it I am preparing to set off for N York next Friday. It is reported that Gen^l Johnson will proceed no farther this Season, I dont know wth Credit is to be given to the Report, tho' I am inclined to think it is not entirely wth foundation. M^r Gray did act as Brigade Major at Fort Cumberland when I was there in the winter, he has the Reputation of a good Officer, & on Account of his Services I should be glad to have it in my Power to join with you in acknowledging his Services, I am sorry to tell you that the Case is far otherwise at present, that Gov Morris & myself are equally in a State of Inability, I expect to return hither in about 3 weeks when I will again embrace another Opportunity of Apurging you that I do