

not accept of the Assistance of two of the European Regiments which Lord Loudoun
the Lordship has however ordered the Regiments to cover them & keep the Communication
open between Lake George & the Inhabitants. I am &c

To Governor Laurence, the 24th of August 1756.

Sir I am favoured with your Letter dated at Halifax the 1st of July & in Answer
thereto beg leave to assure you that none of the French who were imported into this
Province last Year from Nova Scotia have been suffered either by Land or Water
to return again thither. I did indeed sometime ago hear that those who were by you
sent to So Carolina had embarked in some small Vessels & were returning North
but I could never learn that any of them landed in this Province to refresh themselves
or on any other Account; you may be assured that if any of them should hereafter
touch here I will prevent their reembarking & that I will by having the inland
Act of Assembly strictly put in Execution within this Government hinder any of
those that were sent thither from returning to give you Trouble or Uneasiness
I am &c

To Governor Morris the 26th of Aug^r 1756.

Sir I am now to thank you for several Letters that you favoured me with while
I was on the Frontiers & to beg your Pardon for delaying so long to acknowledge the
Receipt of them. I hear Mr Pownall has thought proper to publish his Reasons
for refusing the Govern^t of Penn^a & cannot take upon me to say whether he deserves
the Applause that he receives of some for that Behaviour, tho' it must be presumed
he knew best what Step it was most advisable for him to take when he declined
accepting - Mr Penn's Offer, No doubt as you intimate he has a more desirable Govern^t
in View & tho' he should fail of that he cannot be told miss of Pensilv^a
whenever the Governor of that Province shall become elective. On the Receipt of your
Letter of the 16th Inst. acquainting me with the Reduction of Fort Cassville I was
about to send Orders to Capt. Dagworthy to send a Detachment of 50 Men
from Fort Frederick to cover your People & keep open the Communication
between Fort Lyttelton & Shirley & your Inhabitants, but the same Morning
before the Council (without whose Advice I could not regularly order our Parties
out of the Province) could meet an Express arrived with Letters from Fort Frederick
& the Frontiers advising me that a large Party of French & Indians made an
Inursion into this Province also & cut off many of our People who dwell on