

To Lord Loudoun the 30th of August 1756

My Ld
Your Favour of the 20th Inst. advising Me. of the unhappy Accident that
conclude has happened to the westward I have just received, for the early In-
-gence I return Your Ldp. Thanks as it might be a means of preventing in some
measure the fatal Consequences that these Colonies have reason to apprehend from
such an Event: we have already 200 Men in & about Fort Frederick which I
have been building on our western Frontiers & I have now ordered 200 of the Militia
also to patroll on this Side the West to cover the Inhabitants or on Occasion to
act in Conjunction with the Garrison. Your Ldp. has been already informed that
there is in our Treasury £20000 Currency which is appropriated towards carrying
on an Expedition to the westward, part of this I persuade Myself the Assem-
-bly will agree to appropriate otherwise, I shall instantly convene them & laying
Your Ldp. Lett before them exhort them to take such Measures as the present
Posture of Affairs requires. Instructions shall be also immediately sent to the Military
& Civil Officers of every County to enlist Men for the Royal Americans agreeable to
Your Lordship's Commands & Nothing shall be wanting on my Part to prevail on
the Assembly to defray that Expence, but if I should in that particular be un-
-successful I shall take the Liberty to draw on Your Ldp. as I must advance the
Money Myself to the Officer to whom I shall send such Instructions. If no Officer
from the American Regiments shall happen to be in these parts I will send what
Lewies I can get to Phila. as such an Embargo shall be laid on all outward-bound
Vessels Taden with Provisions as Your Ldp. directs & I shall always take the greatest
Pleasure in being able to execute any other Commands that Your Ldp. may think
proper to signify to My Ld's

To Governor Dinwiddie Aug. 30. 1756

The inclosed I have just received by Express. the Lett. from Lord Loudoun
will advise You of the Ldp. of Oswego & of the Vessels we had on Ontario Lake
that from the Admiralty Office I presume contains Instructions to You for granting
Letters of Marque, if it does I shall be much obliged to You for a Copy of them
& of such a Commission as You would grant by virtue thereof. As no such Lett. or
Instructions are sent me, should Applications be made to me for Letters of Marque