

To the Earl of Holderness

The 2 of Aug. 1757.

My Ld a Vessel being just about to sail hence for England I embrace the Opportunity to acknowledge the Recit of Your Ld's Letter dated the 20 of May which was brought to me last Night from N York & to assure Your Ld that a Copy of the Order which His Majesty in Council was pleased to issue the 5th of Oct. last shall be dd to every Person that shall apply to Me for Letters of Previzal & I will at the same time acquaint them that they will be prosecuted with the utmost Severity if they presume in any manner to act contrary thereto. As our Ports lye at a considerable Distance from the Sea No Privateers ever put in here or send their Prizes hither for a Month but if any should arrive the Post Officers will immediately advise me thereof & if the Master shall not have received a Copy of the abovementioned Order I will not fail to send him one & to give him a proper Charge therewith. In Case Sloop or Kadder shall be ever found in any Part of this Govern^t I will take particular Care to have them secured untill I can receive farther Instructions from the Govern^r of Nova Scotia or New York & when I do receive them the Offenders shall be delt with accordingly

To Gover^r Dinwiddie the 10 of Aug. 1757.

Sir I am now to acknowledge the Recit of Your Letter dated the 20 of July as well as to return You Thanks for Your Favour of the 5th Inst, the Contents of which so far as they concern our Trade I shall have communicated to our people in the next Gazette. The Convoy that was sent to Fort Cumberland is returned without having seen an Enemy but soon after they left Fort Frederick some Mischief was done on our Frontiers which obliged me to order two small Detachments from the Militia to patroll for some time beyond our Settlements. The inclosed Gazette contains all the