

Americans desert from Cole. Stanwix very fast but not I hope in such Numbers as the Virginians go off in. I have been assured that Capt. Washington has lost more than 100 in a Week & Not one of them has been apprehended or discovered to him. If any of the Masters of Vessels in your Port choose to sail for England under Convoy of the Garland Man of War you will be pleased to have it signified to them that Capt. Arbuthnot will wait from Hampton Road the 15 of Sept. if the Wind & Weather shall permit him to do so.

To Governor Dinwiddie the 16<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1757.

Sir  
You will by the inclosed Copy of a Letter from Gov<sup>r</sup>. Delancey to the Council of N York that Fort W. Henry surrendered the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst & that the Enemy attacked Fort Edward the 9<sup>th</sup>. Governor Denny adds Nothing to the News that is contained in the inclosed Letters.

At the same time His Excellency writ to Governor Denny acknowledging the Receipt of his Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> contained the News above.

To Gov<sup>r</sup>. Ponnall the 2<sup>d</sup> of Sept. 1757.

Sir  
I am favoured with your Letter dated the 3<sup>d</sup> of Aug<sup>r</sup> advising me of His Majesty's having appointed you Governor of the Massachusetts Bay & of your safe Arrival in your Gov<sup>t</sup>. upon which I heartily congratulate you & sincerely wish you an easy & happy Administration. As I am persuaded that a frequent & friendly Correspondence between the Governors of these Colonies is in the present State of Affairs highly expedient your Declaration on that Head is very acceptable & I beg leave to assure you that you will always find me ready to contribute as much as is in my Power to the Execution of any Scheme whereby His Majesty's Service & the Interest of these Colonies can be promoted & that I shall be always studious to convince you that I am with great Regard