

in America this Summer. We learn from Carlyle, that Colo Stanwic has lost abundance  
of Men particularly Germans by Desertion since he has been encamped near that place.  
These People go off in Parties of 9 or 10 at a time & as none of them have been appre-  
hended or seen among the Inhabitants it is presumed that they all desert to the Enemy.  
In a Letter that I lately received from Governor Pennall he tells me that he had  
some Conversation with You, just before he left England about Mr & M<sup>rs</sup> York & offers me  
his Service in Case I should entertain any Thoughts of that Govern<sup>t</sup>. As I have heard  
since I address'd my last Letter to You, that the Governor of that Province is depen-  
dant on the Assembly for his Salary & has no Allowance from home, I return'd him  
Thanks for his kind Offer but intimat'd to him that by the Accounts I had receiv'd  
I was induc'd to think that the Exchange would not be much to my Advantage & I  
I am pretty well convinc'd that that Govern<sup>t</sup> is not so desirable as it has been gene-  
rally supposed not so valuable as You have heard it represented. I have writ to Lord  
Baltimore pretty freely about the prodigious Decrease of my Revenue since these Dis-  
turbances began in America in hopes that he will be induc'd to lessen the Sum that  
I am order'd to pay annually out of my Salary but as M<sup>r</sup> Calvert's Interest p<sup>er</sup> Annum  
is in this particular directly contrary, I am afraid my Representation will have but  
little Weight.

To Governor Lincolne the 6<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1757.

Sir  
A Gent<sup>l</sup> of this Province having intimat'd to me that he intends to proceed to  
Hampton to Morrow if the Weather permits I embrace the Opportunity to acknow-  
ledge the Receipt of Your two Letters dated the 10<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>r</sup> & also to inclose You  
a Copy of the Contract that Doctor Aps entered into when he engag'd to victual  
our Troops. I send You also the last Pens<sup>il</sup> Gazette wherein You will find a  
Translation of the Summons that the Marquis of Montcalm sent to Lieut<sup>nt</sup>  
Col<sup>l</sup> Morris when he invest'd Fort William Henry & also a Copy of the Capitula-  
tion. Notwithstanding the Engagement that all our Officers & Men should be  
permitted to carry off their Baggage & that the Sick & wounded should be taken  
Care of the Indians were suffer'd to scalp all the latter before the Garrison