

This Day from Phila. brings an Account of Sr. John M'Clain having
died at Albany last Thursday Se'n Night.

To Admiral Holburne, the 10th Oct: 1757.

Sir I received the Letter that You sent me from One of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State together with that which You was Yourself pleased to favour me with the 10th of July & as soon as I had an Opportunity I communicated the Contents of them to our Assembly pressing them at the same Time to a compliance with Your Requisition. In Answer to my Message, on this Occasion the Gentlemen professed the utmost Readiness on their Parts to comply with every reasonable Measure that should be recommended by His Majesty's Ministers but concluded their Address with a Declaration which is indeed a very just One that the Seamen employed in the Trade of this Province are so few that it is absolutely impossible for Us to supply the Fleet with the smallest Number. I am sorry it was not in my Power to comply with Your Request by sending You a Number of Seamen from this Govern^t however as I have used my utmost Endeavours to serve You I hope You will take them in good Part & believe that I am &c

To the Earl of Loudoun, the 20th Oct: 1757

My Ld.

I am sorry to inform Your Ldp. that the Garrison of Fort Cumberland is in great Want of Provisions while the Assembly of this Province is determined to grant no farther Supplies for the Support of any Troops that are or may be posted at that place. As soon as I was advised by Capt. Dagworthy that the Provisions which had been laid in for the Use of the Garrison were nearly expended I communicated the same to the Assembly & desired them to empower our Agents to send the Troops an immediate Supply: instead of complying with my Request the Gent^l thought proper to send me the inclosed Answer & to resolve that they would never make the least Provision for the Support of Capt. Dagworthy or his Command while they continue at Fort Cumberland, whether Your Ldp was pleased