

of Provisions they will all find themselves under the Necessity of abandoning
the Place for want of Food. — I have writ to the Earl of Loudoun explain-
ing him with the Assembly's Conduct on this Occasion but as I hear that
His Ld^{ship} is at Albany it will be some time before my Letter can reach
him. The Gentleman that presents this is a Lieut^{nt} in one of our
Companies, As he has Business to transact at this Place before he goes to
Fort Frederick he will return again hither as soon as You shall have
leave to acknowledge the Receipt of my Letter.

To the Lords of Trade, the 22 of Oct^r 1757.

Wth Hon^{ble}

In Obedience to Your Lordships Commands signified to me in
Your Letter dated the 9th of June I have writ to the Masters or
Celestias of all the Iron Works in this Province for such a particular
^{account} as Your Ld^{ships} are pleased to require of the Quantity of Pig & Bar
Iron that was made at their several Furnaces & Forges from the
²⁵ End of December 1749, to the 5th of January 1756 which Account I
shall transmit to Your Ld^{ships} by the first Opportunity of Conveyance
that offers after the Gent^l have complied with my Request. In the
mean time I send Your Ld^{ships} an Acc^t of the Quantity of Iron that
appears by the Naval Officers Books to have been exported from
this Province within the time abovementioned.

To Wth Coll^l Secy of State, the 22 of Oct^r 1757.

Sir In the Letter which I address'd to you the 26th of May I inform'd
you that the Assembly of this Province had in Compliance with the
Earl of Loudons Requisition agreed to support 500 Men for the im-
mediate Defence of the Province & to act on any Emergency in Conjunction
with such other Forces as should be employ'd in these parts to any