

if at any time You shall have Leisure & will take the trouble to  
peruse it & You will what the Doctor has to offer in Defence of his  
Behaviour at Phila. towards Mr. Howell & hope You will not refuse  
him the Favour he desires of having leave to wait on Your Excellency  
& make his Acknowledgments to You after the End of the Campaign  
which will I hope ere long be happily finished that I may have an  
Opportunity of Congratulating Your Excellency an Opportunity that  
I most earnestly desire Being with great Regard

To Mr. Pitt. Annapolis the 20<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1750.

Note. This was not sent

Sir I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Your  
Letter dated the 10<sup>th</sup> of Sept. whereby You were pleased to advise me  
of his Majesty's having thought fit to appoint Major General Amherst  
Commander in Chief of all his Forces in North America & were  
pleased to direct me to correspond with His Excellency & to obey  
such Orders as he may at any time think proper to send me, which  
I shall carefully do. By the last Advices that have been received  
here from the Westward General Forbes with the Rear of the Army  
under his Command reached the Encampment at Laurel or Loyal  
Lanham the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst. on the 16<sup>th</sup> St. John & St. Blais marched thence with  
2000 Men to open a Road directly to Fort Du Quesne which accord-  
ing to the common Computation, is about forty Miles beyond the  
Encampment abovementioned. It was expected that the General would  
follow with the Rest of his Troops being about 2000 Men more the  
10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of this Month at farthest, & as the Weather has been much more  
favourable ever since that time than it was the Beginning of the Month  
we hope that the General has by this time overcome all the Difficulties  
that he might have expected to meet with on his March.