

Correspondence between the several Governors little good is to be expected, I shall take the Liberty to communicate to you from time to time whatever Intelligence I shall receive as well as the several Steps I shall take for the Publick Service, upon which I shall be obliged to you to give me your sentiments, which will always have a great weight with me.

I hope I shall be enabled to act with spirit at this important juncture when nothing less than the preservation of this Province in particular and that of the Colonies in general is so nearly concerned.

It will give me sensible pleasure if in the Course of my Administration I shall have it in my power to render you any Service. I am

Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
William Denny.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

23^d of August 1756—

Sr

I embrace this Opportunity by Col^o Ludwell to thank you for your Letter of the 10th of June & the Treaty therein contained, while I was on our Frontiers at Fort Frederick Col^o Washington paid me a Visit & informed me that he was also by your Orders raising a strong Fort at Winchester to which as soon as it should be compleated the Stores were to be removed from Fort Cumberland this Step is in my Opinion very expedient as there is no probability of our carrying on an Expedition to the westward this Season & lest such a Bait should before next Spring allure the Enemy & induce them to attack that Fort the Reduction of which a large Body of them may not think impracticable. This morning I have received a Letter from Governor Morris wherein he informs me that Fort Granville (which the Pensil^a Commissioners had constructed last year on the Western Frontiers of that Province was on the 30th ult attacked & burnt by a Body of French assisted by a Number of Indians all under the Command of a French Officer. There were but a Lieut^t & 24 Men in the Fort when it was attacked the Rest of the Garrison & Officers being out to cover some people who were reaping & securing their Grain. The Lieut^t & a few men being killed the Rest of the Garrison surrendered & were all except him who brings this Account carried away prisoners the young Men & the Women by the French & the older Men & Children by the Indians On