

[Lord Colville to Sharpe.]

Original.

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I have received your Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> of last October, directed on his Majestys Service to Vice Admiral Holburne. I heartily joyn with you in being extreamly sorry, that it is not in your Power to supply us with a few Seamen to recruit the Squadron under my Command. Give me leave however to thank you for your Endeavours to do it; and as I am perswaded you will be glad of any opportunity to forward his Majesty's Sea Service, beg the favour of you to send us some Stout Landmen, not under the Age of 18 nor above 34. Forgive the freedom I take with you. I hope it may be justified, as proceeding from the mutual Confidence, which must necessarily subsist, between good Servants of the same Master, anxiously endeavouring to forward their Country's Cause

I am S<sup>r</sup>

Your most Obedient and  
most humble Servant  
Colville

Northumberland at  
Halifax 22 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1757.

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Original.

Williamsburg Dec<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1757.

Sir

Your fav<sup>o</sup> by Col<sup>o</sup> Hunter I duly rec<sup>d</sup> I am heartily sorry for the unaccountable misbehavior of Your Assembly; their ill timed Parsimony is intolerably wrong judg'd, but as you daily expected Lord Loudoun, I hope he will make them sensible of their Duty at this Time, when we are so frequently insulted by a barbarous & implacable Enemy; I sincerely wish you may surmount all these Difficulties.

This Express goes with a Packet to his Lordship, & I embrac'd the Oppty to acquaint You that I have taken my Passage for London in the Baltimore C<sup>t</sup> Crookshanks, & if any Comands Home pray send them imediately, as I expect to sail in eight or ten Days.

Wishing You Health & Happiness

I remain

Your Excell<sup>s</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup>  
humble Servant  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dinwiddie

Gov. Sharpe.