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Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly

I think it my Duty to lay before you a Letter, that I received a few Days ago from Governor Murray, with a particular authenticated Account of the Losses which the Inhabitants of Montreal suffered by the dreadful Fire that in May last broke out in that City. As I doubt not but the Account, given in the Letter, of the unhappy Circumstances to which many of those unfortunate People are now reduced, will excite the Compassion of the Gentlemen who compose the Lower House as well as yours, and think the granting some Relief to the Sufferers by a public Act would really be for the Honour of the Province, and agreeable to the humane and generous Sentiments of the Inhabitants, I recommend it to you to refer the Matter to the Consideration of the Gentlemen of the Lower House, and shall be glad if you jointly approve of my Proposal.

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Hor :<sup>o</sup> Sharpe

Quebec 29. June 1765

Sir

I make no Doubt but your Excellency must have heard, some Time since, of the melancholly Accident that happened by Fire on the 8:<sup>th</sup> Day of May last to the Poor People of Montreal in this Government. On the News reaching this Place, the Governor and Council assembled to consider what was most proper to be done for the immediate Relief of the unhappy Sufferers and thereupon it was resolved, that two Members of the Council should go to Montreal, as Commissioners to enquire into the Event of this dreadful calamity, and to apply thereto such Assistance as to them should seem fitting: And also to procure every necessary Information, in order to make a true Report of the real Loss sustained by the Inhabitants, which the Head of every Family has respectively attested upon Oath, amounting in the Whole to £116,773..18.6 Current Money of this Province, or £87,500..8..10½ Sterling, Copy whereof accompanies this under the Broad Seal of this Province & my Signature thereto.

It would be needless, Sir, to say any Thing upon this Occasion to induce your Excellency & your Council to exert your Influence and good Offices in so laudible a Work, as that of prevailing with the Affluent in your Province, to contribute to the Relief of the miserable Sufferers, who having lost almost all they were worth before, by the Ravages of War and the none Payment of their Paper Money, nothing remained to complete their Wretchedness but this unhappy Accident. I cannot omit, on this Occasion, applauding, in the strongest Manner, the Behaviour of his Majestys new Subjects in this Province; a seasonable Relief at this Time, must rivet their Affections