

then Prisoners in November last & carried to Fort Du Querser came into Fort
Sumnerland, I presume You will receive an account of this & a copy of Forts
Deposition before my Letter can reach You, wherefore I will no longer detain the
Post but concludes with assuring You that I am &c.

To Sr Charles Hardy. Annapolis the 23rd of May 1757

Sir At the same time that I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt
of Your Letters dated the 30th of April & 2nd Inst. I beg leave to congratulate You
on Your Receipt of Orders to hoist Your Flag & part heartily wish You suc-
cess. I also return You thanks for forwarding the Packett from Mr. Secretary
Pitt & am &c.

To The Earl of Loudoun. the 23rd May 1757

My Lord

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Ldps Letters
from N York dated the 30th of April & the 5th Inst. I observe what Your
Lordship says concerning Your Disposition of the Troops as well Regulars
as Provincial that You propose to leave under the Command of Gen. Webb
& Colo. Stanwic & shall use my utmost Endeavours to raise the Men that are
expected from this Province. In Obedience to Your Ldps Commands I have
issued a Proclamation requiring all Officers of the Militia to exercise the
Men under their Command & to see that they provide themselves with Arms &
Ammunition I have also sent more particular Instructions to the principal
Militia Officers in the Frontier Counties as Your Ldp will see by the
inclosed Copy. Our Assembly have at length impowered me to augment the
Troops in the Pay of this Province to 500 Men & I have given Commissions for
that purpose but really I do not think it will be possible to complete the
two additional Companies this Summer Men disposed to enlist are become so
scarce. It was not without great difficulty that I prevailed with the Assembly to