

land with all Speed at *Alexandria*, the Cohorns, Bombs, and other Machines destined to throw Fire either in Vessels or Entrenchments. The Other is from Mr. *Robert Orm*, Aid-de-Camp to Sir *Peter Halket*: He gives him several Orders, and among the Rest, *His Excellency orders you to receive all Deserters, and provide them with whatever they ask; and if they are willing to enlist, he desires you would take them without any Difficulty, and stand neither upon Terms nor Appearance, but pass them all for effective Men.*

A LETTER from Charles Lawrence, Esquire, to General Braddock.

SIR,

Halifax, May 10, 1755.

I HAVE had the Honour to receive a Letter from you, dated at *Annapolis*, in *Maryland*, April the 7th, by a Vessel come two Days ago from *Philadelphia*: Permit me to assure you, that nothing could be a greater Mortification to me, than you should harbour the least Thought of my being slack in my Duty towards a Person to whom I am so much obliged. Till the very Moment I received your Letter, I had neither heard of your Arrival in *Virginia*, nor of the Extent of your Commissions. No sooner I knew it, but I improved the first Opportunity, of giving a general Account of the Situation of Affairs in this Province, as also an Account of the Forces and Troops his Majesty has here, together with Remarks upon every Individual. I flatter myself you have received them already, and that you will approve of them.

I acknowledge, Sir, that I have acquainted *Commodore Keppel* with the Expedition projected to stop the Enterprizes of the *French* at *Beau-sejour* and *St. John's River*, in the same Manner as he himself has informed you; and which had been concerted between Governor *Shirley* and myself; and the Reason of my acquainting him therewith, sprung from some printed Orders which Captain *Rous* had received from the Admiralty, to place him-

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