

(Endorsed) Mr. Robinson.

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Mr. Robinson's letter

Whitehall 13 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1779

Captain Sharpe of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment is this  
Afternoon arrived from Halifax which he left on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
of October in the Nottingham Ordnance Storeship  
On the 13<sup>th</sup> of October a Schooner arrived at Halifax  
in eight Days from New York as Colonel Bruce, the  
Commanding Officer at Halifax informed Captain Sharpe.  
— Captain Sharpe saw letters and Newspapers from New  
York, he is sure as late as the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, He thinks  
as late as the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>d</sup> of October. They were expecting Mr.

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deStaining upon the Coast of America, & though they thought his destination was southward, towards Georgia, & to protect Charles Town, yet they were making all possible preparation for their Defence at New York, in case they should be attacked; and it was understood that the Troops were to be withdrawn from Rhode Island, but they were perfectly confident of being able to make a successful Defence, & in that respect all the letters spoke in the same Strain - In one of these letters from a Captain Skinner of New York to Major Hicks at Halifax it was stated that the way in which they had obtained Information at New York of Mr. deStaining's being

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bound for the Coast of America was by a Privateer which  
had captured a Spanish Ship off the Bahamas, but does  
not say when, & this Spanish Ship had Two Days before  
left W<sup>est</sup> Ind<sup>ies</sup> steering off these Islands steering for the Coast  
of America - Captain Sharpe does not know the Day  
the Privateer arrived at New York - the Name of the  
Captain of the Privateer was Pops.

Lord North approved of this Information being  
sent to His Majesty.

Mr. Pittman  
November 13. 1744