

Letter Bk. III Fort Du Quesne (whose numbers by what I can find are but small) purchase those of our Men that the Indians take prisoners & keep them employed in building Barracks near the Fort for the Reception of the Numerous Tribes of Indians that have since the Action of the Monongahela come into their Alliance & who are to be employed henceforward in harrassing & depopulating these poor defenceless & infatuated Colonies—

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

5<sup>th</sup> May 1756 transmitted by Capt Lee.

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I am now favoured with your Letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> of December together with His Lordship's Instructions dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> I had anticipated His Lordship's Desires about sending Circular Letters to the Magistrates directing them to make an Enquiry into the Conduct of the Roman Catholicks; inclosed you have a Copy of the Letter that was sent to them & the answer of the Magistrates of one County, the Answers from the several Counties are much to the same purport. His Lordship might depend that if these People offend they shall not escape with Impunity but while their Behaviour is unexceptionable it would be hard to take any Measures that may be called persecution. The Lower House have thought proper to address me again on that Subject, I have answered them with all possible Temper & Coolness, but in such a manner as I hope will convince them there was very little Room for an Address of that Sort, & prevent their presenting such another for the future. I find that in your last Lett<sup>r</sup> to Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd You express a little Surprize at my having denied to issue pilot Lycences (as it should seem Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd had expressed himself) & give it as your Opinion that I might issue such at present as has been usual if applied for. You will be pleased to remember that in my Lett<sup>r</sup> dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1754 I writ fully on this Affair & desired your farther Directions thereon, inclosed you have an Extract of that Letter to which I should be glad to be favoured with an Answer. You say I might issue such Lycences as have been usual, I hope Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd acquainted you that none have ever been granted but in the year 1734 or 35, & as His late Lordship would not prosecute such persons as piloted without Lycence nor assist those that were Lycenced Pilots in carrying on such prosecutions, No Body thought proper afterwards to apply for a Lycence. Now as I cannot think it is for His Ldp's Interest to attempt any thing but what he is sure of carrying, as otherwise a Clamour might be raised, & nothing gained to His Lordship