

Letter Bk. III him to raise to New York by water, & that he had also ordered thither the few Carolinians that have since last July remained in Garrison at Fort Cumberland. The Pensilvanians neither have nor will by what I can learn grant any more Supplies nor contribute towards carrying on any Expedition to the Westward & as none of the Money which our People have appropriated to that Service is to be used or emitted till both Virg^a & Pensilvania have furnished or engaged to furnish their respective & proportionable quotas, the General's Commission & Instructions to me might have been spared for without Men or Money Arms, Ammunition or Provisions I do not think that even His Excellency himself could much annoy the Enemy or reduce their Forts. The Virginians have at length I hear resolved to compleat the Regiment they have vainly endeavoured by other methods to raise with Drafts from the Militia. This Measure it is hoped will be attended with the Consequences they expect & enable Col^o Washington to protect pretty well the Frontiers of Virg^a but I presume he will not advance with them into the Enemy's Country nor promise to act offensively much this Season. Affairs in America generally speaking remain in much the same Situation that they were in the 3^d Inst. The Troops to the Northward are in motion but by what I can learn the Regulars are very far from being compleat; & it has been hinted to me by an Officer at Albany whose Experience & Judgment I have a great Opinion of, that we shall have good Reason to sing Te Deum at the Conclusion of this Campaign if Matters are not then in a worse Situation than they are at present. I intend to proceed to the Frontiers next Monday or Tuesday to give Orders about constructing the Fort & Block Houses that are to be built there, & as the Officers are all Novices I beleive I shall tarry there with them three Weeks or a Month unless any extraordinary Occurrence should make my Return hither before that time expedient & necessary—

I am &c

[Sharpe to Fox.]

31st of May 1756.

Right Hon^{ble}

I now do myself the honour to acquaint you that agreeable to my Expectations expressed in my Lett^r of the 3^d Inst. Our Assembly have prepared & I have passed an Act for granting a Supply of about £25,000 St^g for His Majesty's Service, near £7000 of it is particularly appropriated to build a Fort on our Western Frontiers & for supporting 200 Men to range & cover the Inhabitants the Rest is directed to be