

Letter from D<sup>r</sup> Gregory Sharpe, w<sup>ch</sup> he charged me with in England.

For fear that should not have come to your Hands I take the opportunity of an Express I am sending to General Abercrombie to notifie to you my arrival here, honoured w<sup>th</sup> his Majesties Commission of Lieutenant Governor of his Colony and Dominion of Virginia; and to assure that I shall with the greatest pleasure lay hold of every oppertunity of correspond- ing with you, which his Majesties Service or the Advantage of his American Colonies may require.

I am

Your Excell<sup>cs</sup>

most Ob<sup>t</sup>

H<sup>ble</sup> Sev<sup>t</sup>

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To his Excell<sup>cy</sup> Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup>

[C. Kilby to Sharpe.]

Original.

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Sir

On my arrival in this Place a few days since General Forbes communicated to me the Calculation and advices he had receiv'd, respecting the pay, Victualling and Contingent Expences attending the Maryland Troops since the 8<sup>th</sup> of October last, I am in hopes the obstinacy that has hitherto actuated the assembly, will not be persisted in, and that they will be brought into a more reasonable disposition, and that ample Provision will yet be made for the whole or by far the greatest part of this Expence, in the mean time tis a very severe hardship, that the Engagements you were under a necessity of entering into and engaging others in, for the mens pay victualing & Contingent Expences should remain an oppressive burthen upon the individuals engaged in it, and expose the reputation of the publick not only to discredit but reproach.

It is in this light Sir and in order to prevent that want of Confidence in publick Engagements which delay in this Extrordinary measure has a tendency to promote, that I am induced to offer every thing that can be done on my part in aid to what the General is heartily disposed to do on his, for the Relief and accomodation of all that may be involved on this occasion in cngagements, in Consequence of the Earl of Loudoun's Authority to you to retain these Troops in the Service of the Publick and for this purpose I divide the accounts (of which I had sight of the Estimate or Calculation) into three parts, Viz<sup>t</sup> the Victualling of the Troops, the officers