

write to you the 3^d Inst. I have been favoured with your Letter of the 18th of Iune, for which be pleased to accept my Acknowledgments. I hear that General Forbes arrived at Carlyle last Tuesday Sen'night & I have Reason to think that the Artillery & the Highland Battalion are there also by this Time. The two Companies from N. Carolina consisting of 110 men came hither Yesterday from Winchester to assist in making a Road that the General has ordered to be laid out thro this Province to Fort Cumberland. Letter Bk. III

[Forbes to Sharpe.]

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Camp at Carlisle Iuly 20th 1758.

Sir

Having considered what you have told me concerning the Situation of Your Maryland Troops, and particularly about the Distressed Condition of the Officers, and of M^r Ross, by whom your Forces have been Victualled (since the money which was granted by your Assembly for their Support was Expended) and being very Averse to your Troops being Disbanded at this Critical Juncture, when in all probability I shall have great occasion for their Service, I am Induced to Advance a Sum of money towards Relieving those Gentlemen in some measure from the Difficulties, wherein they are Involved by the late Extraordinary Conduct of Your Assembly, & to Encourage your Troops to keep together during the Campaign.

As I do not take upon myself to pay your Troops the Arrears that are due to them, or to Satisfy M^r Ross, but Expect that your Assembly will, out of the Supplies which they shall grant at their next meeting, Appropriate a Sum for those purposes, I shall not Concern myself with any Accounts whatever; that I leave to your Assembly, or to such persons as you or they may Appoint, but what I Advance, I Advance upon the Credit of the Province, to be Repaid me out of the first money that your Assembly may Raise, & I Desire you will Communicate this Letter to them, that they may be thoroughly Apprised of my Intentions & Expectations.

As I Doubt not but your Assembly will notwithstanding what has lately happened be Satisfied with my keeping Your Troops together till the End of the Campaign, I shall not Scruple to Assure them that they will most certainly be paid as long as they shall Continue in the Service.

I am, with great Regard, &c Y^r Excellencies

Gov^r Sharp. Most Ob^t and
most Hum^{ble} Serv^t
Jo: fforbes.