

Letter Bk. I. you as well as his Ldp with our Transactions in the Field or what plan of Operations we may at any time propose to pursue. The Assembly of this Province are now met & have voted the Sum of £20000 Gold Curr^y for the Encouragement of the Service which Sum with the money remitted Governor Denwiddie from home & the £5000 granted by the Province of New York will enable us to compleat 700 Men exclusive of the independant Companies immediately & I do not despair
 p. 95 of finding at my Return the Gentlemen of our Assembly disposed to make an Addition to the £6000 which they were induced at their last Meeting to grant & I hope the other neighbouring Colonies will no longer decline joining heartily in the Service, tho I am indeed still apprehensive that nothing of very great importance can be effected unless we are supported with some Troops from home which I most earnestly wish His Majesty & Council would think proper to order over that our unquiet aspiring Enemy might perceive that their Vicinity to these Parts of His Majesty's Dominions will be on no account connived at or endured. As I propose to leave this Place Monday or Tuesday next & by the first Opportunity that shall offer after my Return to Annapolis to write again I will hope to be excused for not protracting this Letter farther than to assure you that I am with the highest Respect & Esteem &c.

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[Sharpe to Sir Thomas Robinson.]

Williamsburg in Virginia Oct^r 25th 1754.

Right Honourable

I take the Liberty by this first Opportunity most gratefully to acknowledge the Receipt of His Majesty's most gracious Favour which was presented me by Gover^r Dobbs last Saturday together with a Letter which yourself was pleased to honour me with the 5th of July. I intreat you to assure His Majesty that no one can be more truly sensible of the honour He has been pleased to confer on me than I am & that it shall be my constant Study & Endeavour to manifest the most dutiful & punctual Obedience to His Royal Pleasure now signified to me & to whatever future Commands & Instructions I may have the Satisfaction to receive. On Governor Dinwiddies intimating to me the Receival of His Majestys Orders I immediately set out for this place to take his Advice how I may best execute the Commission I found myself honoured with, for His Majestys Service & to consult with him about taking the most expedient measures for the Defence of His Majestys Dominions on the Continent at this time & with the