

or either of Them, occasionally, as you shall find it Expedient for the General Service.

I am  
Sir  
Your most obedient  
humble Servant  
T Robinson.

Gov<sup>r</sup> of Maryland

[Sharpe to W. and J. Sharpe.]

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Annapolis Novem 3<sup>d</sup> 1754.

To M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> & I Sharpe

With His Majestys & Ld Baltimores Commission I received yesterday fortnight your kind & affectionate Lett<sup>r</sup> dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of July last apprizing me of the honour that His Majesty had been pleased to confer on me upon your Account & the favourable mention made of me by the Gent<sup>n</sup> to whom I have in pursuance of your Advice addressed the inclosed Letters. I have taken a more early Opportunity of acknowledging the Receipt of S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Robinson's Letter with His Majesty's Commission but as there is a possibility of my Letter to him being miscarried, I thought it not improper to desire you to present him also the inclosed. I did but yesterday return from Virginia where I had been since the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst advising & consulting with Governor Dinwiddie & M<sup>r</sup> Dobbs on the most expedient measures for protecting these his Majesty's Dominions from the Encroachments of his Enemies & in making some Preparations for an Enterprise this winter against the Enemy's Fort on Monongahela if we find it practicable & can draw a sufficient Body of Troops together for that Service. The Forces already on Foot amount to near 600 Men & I hope will be soon 1000 tho I have learnt not to entertain very sanguine hopes of the Resolutions of American Assemblies, from which Opinion of mine I think you will see little Room for dissenting when you consider with what Indifference they have hitherto behaved & looked on the Incursions of their ambitious & insulting Enemies. As often as they have been convened urged & intreated to aid each other in defending his Majestys Territories & their own Properties so often almost have they as it were unanimously refused to provide against the Dangers that threaten them or endeavoured to cast an Odium on their respective Gover<sup>rs</sup> by laying them under a necessity of rejecting such Bills as were presented them with the specious Titles of Acts for His Majesty's Service & the better Defence & Security of the British Colonies. The Province of Massachusetts Bay

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