

able to acquaint your Ldp when I shall have another Opportunity of assuring your Ldp that I am your Ldp's most obliged & devoted. Letter Bk. I.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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Annapolis Novem^r 5th 1754. transmitted by Cap^t Clarkson.

Sir

The 25th of last month I took the Opportunity of a Ship's sailing from Virginia to acknowledge the Receipt of His Lordships Commission and your kind Favour of Iuly. This Day Sennight I left Williamsburg & arrived here Sunday last. Yesterday I met the Gentlemen of the Council (having while I was in Virginia writ to desire their Presence at that time) & acquainted them with His Lordships Kindness to me in dispensing with my attendance for a time on the Administration of His Government in case his Majestys Service should require at any time my presence out of His Lordships Province. With their advice I have taken the Liberty to issue writs for a new Election of Representatives, as the Term that they have usually continued was expiring, & imagining that they would not so readily be induced to make the Provision that His Lordship has been pleased to recommend to them wⁿ they were every Day expecting a Dissolution. Before the new Assembly can possibly be convened I hope some of the neighbouring Colonies will set them a laudable Example, and then I despair not of finding them disposed to exert themselves at last by a generous Resolution, & by paying the greatest Regard to His Lordships earnest Recommendation manifest their Duty to His Majesty & their Constituents. The making some necessary preparations for my Journey will detain me this week at Annapolis but the beginning of next I propose to set out for Wils Creek & if there appears a probability of effecting any thing with such a Body of Troops as can be drawn together before the severe Season comes on, I hope by the next opportunity of Conveyance that will probably offer to give you a Satisfactory account of my Winters Campaign. But if a Council of War which I intend to hold as soon as I reach Wils's Creek shall find it most expedient to postpone any Attack till the Neighbouring Governments can be persuaded to send us proper Reinforcements I shall return again as soon as I have regulated & disposed of the Companies for the Security of our Frontiers this winter against the Incursions of the French Indians who were seen Governor Morris advises me on their March towards the French Fort on Ohio to be employed this winter as was apprehended against our Back Inhabitants. As I have reason to think that the several Letters