

which I writ some time since are ee'r this got home safely I have no particular private Business to write on; wherefore I beg leave to conclude with assuring you that I am wth the greatest Respect & Regard, Sir,

your most obliged and Obed^t Humble Serv^t
Annapolis, 5th Nov. 1754 Hor^o Sharpe

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[Sharpe to Lord Bury.]

Nov^r 5th 1754

My Ld

Your Favour of January I had lately the pleasure to receive by M^r Christie & in Answer thereto must desire your Ldp to be assured that that & every Letter of the same Sort shall command any Services from me to any Gentleman here who might be fortunate enough to get themselves recommended to your Ldps notice. Your Ldp will I hope excuse me for adding to these few Lines (which I cannot but think too concise a Letter to your Ldp) a brief narration of some Occurrances that have happened here since my Arrival on the Continent & are looked upon at home I find as well as with us as matters of no trivial Importance. About this time twelve months the several Governors on this Continent received Letters from England whereby they were advised of the march of a considerable Body of Europeans & Indians towards the English Settlements in Pensilvania & Virginia & were also forbid to connive at or suffer any such apprehended Intrusion or Incurision of Foreigners into His Majesty's Territories & Dominions but ordered to repel them by every means in their Power. these Letters were I apprehend transmitted hither in Consequence of some Representations that had been made home in the preceeding Spring, however on the Receipt of them Governor Denwiddie sent a messenger with a Letter to the Com-
p. 13 mander of a Party of French (who had lately marched down from Canada & were building a Fort on the River Ohio westward of the Province of Pensilvania & about 150 Miles from the inhabited part of Virginia) requiring him to retire & relinquish His Majesty the King of Great Britains Lands on which they were then presuming to erect a Fort. instead of complying with Governor Denwiddies Requisition the French Commandant replied that it was more the part of His Commander the Governor of Canada than his to dispute with the Governor of Virginia about the Property of the Land He was then possessed of that for His part he was only concerned with his Commanding Officers orders which he was determined punctually to obey & repel by force whatever power should attempt to dislodge or interrupt him in the Execution of his Duty. On