

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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p Capt. Tomson.

10<sup>th</sup> December [1754]

Sir,

the Captain who is charged with this having only this moment waited on me to know my Commands to England & being in haste to be dismissed I have only time to acquaint you that our Assembly is to meet this Day & that I am a little fearful they will not be found so well disposed to do the Business for which they are convened as I could wish. Capt Coolidge will sail in 3 or 4 Days, by him I will do myself the honour of addressing you again & of transmitting another Letter to the Secretary of State. I am &c.

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[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Original.

Virginia Williamsburg Dec<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1754.

Sir

Your Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> I rec<sup>d</sup> last Night & am glad of your safe return to Annapolis. I am much surprized that the Fort built at Wills's Creek is in such situation as to be Commanded by an Emenence near to it, it was ill judged when begun not to consider that; & I much approve of your ordering another to be built on that Emenence.

The want of Provisions in the Camp gives me very great uneasiness on receipt of your former Letter, which is much owing to the Indolence & Neglect of the Comissary; to prevent this for the Future, I appointed two Comissaries one M<sup>r</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Dick a Person of Fortune, & well known in the back Counties & one M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Walker a Person of Fortune & great Activity. The first is to make Purchases & order the Provisions to be delivered at the Camp & the other is to receive & pay for them, & see them properly issued to the Men, this Step I hope will for the Future keep the Forces properly supplied, & I shall send Money from Time to Time to make punctual Payments; I propose paying each Comissary 200 p Annum, & they are to have an Agent at Winchester to forward every Thing to the Camp & I shall send up blank Bonds to tye the Venders to a punctual Compliance with their Contracts, a List thereof to be sent to the Comissary at the Camp, & my Proposal is that one of them or a Person properly qualified always attend the Forces. These Gentlemen were approved by the Council, who's Advice I took as being a Stranger to them, otherways I shou'd gladly complied with the Gentleman you had in View. I shall write them if possible to