

Letter Bk. II. Obedience to His Majesty's Expectations which he has graciously signified to them by those Letters which I have had the honour to receive from yourself. The Men that had been raised in this province before the General's Arrival are received into the English Regiments excepting a Company of 60 which in Obedience to the Generals Desire I continue to support in hopes the Assembly will at their next meeting be prevailed on to grant Money for that if not other purposes. As I had the pleasure of seeing S^r In S^t Clair arrive at the Camp not many Days after I reached Wills Creek in Jan^y & towards the End of last Month had the Satisfaction to hear of General Braddocks safe Arrival with the European Troops in Virg^a I had nothing to do but make such necessary preparations for the Reception of these Troops as the parcimonious Supply granted by our
 p. 69 Assembly some time before had enabled me to make & as soon as I possibly could I did myself the honour to wait on the General in Virg^a to pay him my Respects & make a Tender of my Service. As I conceive His Excellency has himself advised you in what Condition he found the Independant Companies as well as the Provincial Troops & how matters were circumstanced at his Arrival & what measures he has since taken I cannot presume to write any thing on those particulars wherefore I shall content myself with acquainting you that Governor Shirley departed hence for N England this Morning after having had an Interview with General Braddock at Alexandria which place the General proposed also to leave this Day & proceed to Frederick Town on this Side Potowmack where I shall do myself the honour to wait on him next Tuesday & with his permission attend him to Wills Creek for which place the two Regiments will receive his Orders to march the end of this Month.

with the greatest Respect
 I am, R^t Honble S^r

[Sharpe to John Sharpe.]

Annapolis April 19th 1755.

D^r Br^r

As Time would not permit me to be so particular as I could have wished in a Letter that I writ to you last month I will endeavour to make up the Deficiency of that by the particularity of this which will shew you what part I have acted since the late Transactions of the French on this Continent have engaged the Attention of our Mother Country. What Steps Governor Dinwiddie took towards the End of the year 1753 on being advertised that the French had settled at several places on the Banks of the Ohio & the Streams thereinto flowing you