

Letter Bk. II. to establish a Regiment in these Colonies to garrison them as less than a Regiment will not be sufficient for that Service for the Men will expect to be releived some times, in that Case I hope your good Offices will procure me the Command thereof as I have good reason to think neither of the other Governors will be found my Opponents.—

[Sharpe to Braddock.]

May 7. 1755—General Braddock

D^r Gen^l

As I have been most earnestly solicited & importuned on my Return home thro this place by one M^r Lowndes (a person whose Behaviour & Conduct on all Occasions make me very desirous of serving him) to apply to your Excellency & favourably represent his Case I beg leave to trouble you on his Acco^t & beg the Discharge of four Servants of his that were enlisted by Lieut^t Brereton just as he was leaving Rock Creek. The petitioner has a Ship on the Stocks which these 4 Servants were employed in building & fitting for Sea others of the same Trade cannot be procured, whereby the Vessel must remain unfinished & the Owner receive a prodigious Detriment unless by my Intercession he can be favourably heard by your Excellency & procure the Servant's Discharge I have ventured to give him hopes of succeeding if he can procure as many young & unexceptionable persons to serve & enlist in their Stead this he is endeavouring to do & will I believe be able to accomplish within four or five Days when I will take Care to have them marched to Wills-Creek & shall think myself much obliged if your Excellency will order them to be accepted & the Servants dismissed, or if you please to order them to be discharged immediately which will be doing a greater Kindness. I will take on myself to replace them with an equal number of able men as soon as I can possibly procure & send them up. I have acquainted Capt Orme with the Servants names one of whom is a Convict & as your Excellency intimated an unwillingness to have any Convict Servants at all enlisted into the Regiments I think myself obliged to advise you that M^r Brereton has also recruited four other Convicts at this place named Iames Tobin, Cornelius Newhouse, Nich^l Stone & W^m Beadle, which I believe their former Masters would be glad to recover at the Expence of sending Recruits in their Stead to Wills Creek if you should be pleased to order them to be left there when the Troops march. Col^o Cresap who acts as a Magistrate in this province waits on you with this to whom I have desired Capt Orme to communicate your Answer