

Letter Bk. II. Creek but it contained no Intelligence at all of the Number of the Enemy at the Fort or any thing of the last Importance. I beleive the Stores must be by this all carried up & I expect they will leave Wills-Creek & march westward some Day next week. I have not been advised by either of the Governours how nearly the Corps forming in the northern Govern^{ts} are compleated tho I hear the Levies go on briskly & expect to receive Letters informing me of their Success in Nova Scotia every Day. I am very sorry to find that M^r Bladen interferes so much at home & has had influence enough to persuade My Lord to discountenance both M^r Calverts & my Recommendation of a Person to succeed M^r Iennings as Deputy Secretary :
 p. 83 the Gen^l one M^r Plater who was nominated by M^r Calvert when he found he could not support his first Recommendation died a few Days since whereby the Office is again vacated, so I doubt not there will be again great Struggles for Succession at home, it being one of the Offices which I am not sufficiently impowered to dispose of here. As I cannot well concern myself about this matter without Danger of giving Offence & have in some sort failed already I will leave the Opponents to make out their own Pretensions but am afraid M^r Calvert will be thereby subjected to some Difficulties &c

[Sharpe to Braddock.]

Annapolis May 28th 1755—

Sr.

Your Favour of the 22^d Inst. I have just now received & beg leave to assure you that no Endeavours shall be wanting to engage the Assembly in some sort to perform their Duty by granting Supplies for the purposes you mention. There are 20 Four Pounders in Virg^a which were sent in for the Govern^{ts} Service last Summer & we have 4 six pounders in this Province which I imagine will be sufficient in case the Enemy should destroy or render useless those that they have now in their Fort & I shall take care to convey them up on the first notice. Did I find myself impowered I would not lose a moment to lay in a quantity of Provision but as the power of granting Money for such uses rests in the Representatives of the people in Assembly I can promise nothing more as to that matter than that I will attempt to make them sensible of the necessity of granting such Supplies from the fatal Consequences that may attend their neglect. In case I succeed with them I hope I shall find no great Difficulty in conveying the Provisions to Fort Cumberland but I apprehend t'will not be so easy a matter to get the Militia to march much farther tho if we have provisions to