

shewing my Duty & the most punctual Obedience to His Majesty's & your Ldp's Commands, & as much as my Ability will enable me, cooperate with & assist General Braddock in every thing he shall think necessary for his Majesty's Service. I had lately the pleasure of seeing at Annapolis M^r Pownall by whom I was favoured with another Lett^r from your Ldp, I received the greatest pleasure from shewing him every mark of Esteem & Regard during his Stay here as I shall always be most ready & desirous to do to every Gentⁿ who may have been favoured with your Ldp's notice—

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[Sharpe to John Sharpe.]

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June 12th 1755.

D^r B^r

Inclosed is a Copy of my last Letter, & also of one that I received about a fortnight since from General Braddock, Duplicates of which were at the same time sent to Governor Dinwiddie & M^r Morris that to M^r Dinwiddie was delivered just as his Assembly was sitting & upon his submitting it to them they have voted £6.000 for the uses for which the General at present solicits Supplies. Governor Morris acquaints me that the Assembly of that province will meet next Monday on the same account tho from their past Conduct especially at their last meeting about 5 weeks ago he entertains but very faint hopes of finding them better disposed to comply with these the Generals Requisitions. I have called our people together the 23^d Inst. intending this once to apply to them to make some provision for the important & most necessary Services mentioned in General Braddocks Letter, this I do more to shew myself equally ready & forward with the Gentⁿ abovementioned to comply with the General's Desire & the Ministry's Letters than with any prospect or hopes of persuading the Assembly to recede from or wave the points that have been the Subject & Occasion of our Dissonance & Controversy & to grant any Aid by such means as I am permitted to hear or concur in. I most heartily wish I may not be obliged to meet our Genⁿ again upon the same or similar Occasions for I foresee that these Steps & manner of proceeding must inevitably produce a Coldness or Disagreement between the people & myself. I have intimated to the General how unpromising my prospect at present is & let him know that he must not entertain any great Expectations from the measures I now take in Compliance with his Request, As to his Desire that I will order the Militia of this Govern^t to join with some from Virg^a & Escort provisions & Stores to Fort Du Quesne it shews only what an inadequate Idea he has of the Constitution of these Govern^{ts} or

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