

the same against the Incursions & Depredations that may be attempted or made by the French or their Indian Allies—
“Resolved further that this House will defray the reasonable Expence of conveying Intelligence from Wills Creek to Annapolis & back thither for four Months”—I could have wished they had proceeded to prepare a Bill immediately in pursuance of their Resolves but they have postponed it to Monday Morning. I shall embrace another Opportunity of writing next Wednesday when I hope to send your Ldp better news & to repeat to your Ldp how much I am
Yrs. &c.

Letter Bk. I.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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June 28th 1755—transmitted by Capt Sutton—

Sir

Inclosed you have a Copy of my last & herewith you receive Duplicates of the Laws that were passed last Session. Your Favour dated the 7th of April I have received & will present M^r Gordon with His Ldps Mark of Favour to morrow; With M^r Tasker will I consult concerning M^r Hides Affair & write to you thereon next Wednesday. Our Assembly met last Monday as I before gave you reason to expect. Yesterday morning they presented the Upper House with a Bill for £5000; but as the Ordinary & Pedlars Lycences are thereby appropriated as they were by the Bill which was rejected last Session, it must consequently meet with the same Fate. Copies of my Speech & both Houses Addresses by way of answer you have by this Opportunity & also in the Gazette you will see an Address which has been since presented me, together with my Answer thereto. the Reason why I seem to have restrained them to a pretty small Sum both in my Speech & Message was that I knew if they voted a larger the Ordinary Lycences &c would be inserted in & be appropriated by the Bill that should be brought in to raise the Money; about £3800 is at this time in the Loan Office unappropriated, that money I want to see them apply but I beleive 'twill be vain to wish it—This morning I received Letters from the Camp dated the 22^d Inst. the General & Troops were at that time about 40 Miles from Fort Cumberland which they left the 10th the many Hills & Vallies that they have been obliged to Cross have rendered their march so far very tedious & disagreeable, but as they must eer this have descended into a more level Country we shall Expect to receive in 8 or 10 Days some Accounts from Fort Du Quesne. The Generals Advanced Guard had discovered a small Body of French & Indians at a Distance but tis not certain that there has been as yet any