

Letter Bk. I. Skirmish. Monacatoocha a brave Indian who attends the General was made prisoner by a party of the Enemy who I suppose surprized him as he was scouting abroad, but I hear that by some Accident he has made his Escape from them & is again returned to the Camp. In my last I hinted to you what I expected would happen as soon as the Troops should have passed the mountains, this morning I was unhappily confirmed in my Opinion by several Letters that I received
 P. 134 from Col^o Innes who is left with a Garrison of 50 Men at Fort Cumberland, from Col^o Cresap at about 9 Miles from whose House the Affair happened, & from a Person at Winchester in Virg^a the purport of those Letters you will learn from the Message that was immediately sent to the Lower House of which I have inclosed a Copy with their Address to me in answer thereto. What method will be fallen on to raise Money for the Company that they propose to raise I cannot guess but I wish they had proceeded to that Business at once without taking so long time to cool & wear off the Impression that my Message made on them, however a Day or two will determine that Affair at least & I shall have an early opportunity of apprizing you of the Event & once more of assuring you that I am &c—

Letter Bk. II.
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[Sharpe to Robinson.]

28th June 1755—

R^t Hon^{ble}

Lest the General should have embraced no Occasion himself I take this Opportunity of acquainting you that General Braddock & the Troops under his Command left Fort Cumberland or Will's-Creek the 10th Inst. the last Letters that I have had the honour to receive from him were dated the 22^d when he had with a good Deal of Difficulty on Account of the Mountainous Country that occurred advanced Westward from Fort Cumberland about 40 Miles. A flying Party of the French had surprized & taken Prisoner an Indian (lately called the half King) who attended the General's Camp & is esteemed a very bold & honest fellow, but on the Approach of the General's advanced Guard who discovered them they let him escape & retired towards their Fort—The 23^d of this month a party of Indians fell upon four Families of our distant settlers, of whom they killed three & carried 8 away Captives—Letters from Winchester in Virg^a of the same Date advise me that
 P. 95 another party of French Indians did the Beginning of this week attack & kill 11 of the Back-Inhabitants of that province & that many persons were missing who they supposed were carried away prisoners. Our Assembly being at this