

present from his Father to him (as the Bishop could not otherwise be satisfied of that Matter) I have certified under the Great Seal that he is a Clergiman & holds Ecclesiastical preferment in His Ldps province. One M<sup>r</sup> Williamson Son of Parson Williamson in Calvert Cty is going to England again he tells me to offer himself a Candidate for Orders. His Father has not the best of Characters but I have never heard any ill of the young Fellow since his Residence here. If either of these should request his Ldp's Favour for Ecclesiastical preferment at their Return hither, I should wish they may not receive any promise of being immediately provided for, as His Ldp has already given me Liberty to prefer M<sup>r</sup> Thornton & M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Pherson in case of Vacancies, & because when Gent<sup>l</sup> have received promises at home for preferment here, every one thinks himself entitled to the first promotion, & all that are not first served are apt to think they are hardly dealt by. I hear that some of the Burgesses incline to have the Company of Rangers mentioned in their yesterday's Address, drafted by Lot out of the Militia others are for raising that number of Men & for striking paper money to pay them to be sunk by a Duty on Rum some would persuade the House to wait the Return of the Bill that now lies before the Upper House & if it come with a Negative to appropriate part of the £3800 in the Office to that Use. some also will endeavour to include the Lycences &c in that Bill also. It has been hinted to me that the Lower House will on the Return of the Bill address his Ldp thereon expressing a Desire to have Love & Cordiality restored & established between the two Houses & all the Branches of the Legislature & in order thereto will desire leave to have an Agent appointed for a certain time & a Sum of Money appropriated to pay him & to bring this & perhaps some other controverted Matters to a Hearing before his Majesty & Council if I should be desired to present such an Address I know not how I can refuse but any Bill for that purpose you may be assured I will never hear of unless His Ldp or yourself should favour me with Instructions for that purpose.

Letter Bk. I.

p. 135

[Sharpe to Morris.]

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1755

Letter Bk. II.

P. 97

S<sup>r</sup>  
I send this Express at Governor Dinwiddies Desire with two Letters that I have just rec<sup>d</sup> from Virg<sup>a</sup> General Braddock acquaints me that he was the 22<sup>d</sup> Inst. advanced 40 miles from Fort Cumberland towards the Ohio. the Badness of the Roads & the Mountains have much distressed & retarded him. His advanced Guard had discovered a small Body of French at a