

Letter Bk. II. Distance who upon the Approach of our Troops retired & let Monacattoocho the Half King, who had fallen into their hands escape. Saturday morning I received Letters from Coll Innes & some of our distant Inhabitants informing me that this Day sennight a party of Indians fell upon some of the Inhabitants of Frederick C^{ty} of whom they killed three & carried off Eight prisoners. The Body of a French Indian was found lying by those of the three English who were murdered; we are also told that Eleven People have been killed by Indians in the Back-parts of Virg^a upon my communicating this Intelligence to our Assembly they presented me an Address of which I have inclosed you a Copy, the Master of a Ship who left London the 6th of May reports that the Brest Fleet with a considerable Body of Troops on board was sailed some imagined for America others to make a Descent in Ireland Admirals Hawke & Moysten were also sailed. His Majesty was gone to visit his German Dominions—

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

July 5th 1755 by Capt. Sutton from Potuxent—

Sir

Inclosed is a Copy of my last, since the Date of that I have received Advice that Fifteen more of our distant Inhabitants are killed or carried away by Indians a party of whom have been seen not far from Conegoeek which is near 100 Miles within our Settlements. The Lower House still persevere in their Obstinacy & I beleive will never recede from what they have been contending for tho Half the Province should be depopulated. They have not yet addressed me to be prorogued but I expect they will to morrow morning & twill be absolutely to no purpose ever to meet them again. I have not since heard from the General but I am not without Apprehensions that he will be obliged to desert the Fort when he has taken it for want of Provisions which he cannot now expect from these Colonies: in that Case I fear the French will again take possession of that Country & then Let the General's Success be ever so great, we shall be in as bad if not a worse situation than we were last Winter. The Sheveralty of Calvert C^{ty} will soon become vacant. M^r & M^{rs} Graham did & have always received £50. p Ann. from the present Sheriff to whom twas given on that Consideration, M^r Young has been with me desiring I will permit him to appoint the next that he may continue to receive the fifty pounds a year which M^{rs} Young tells him I have his Lordships Orders to grant M^r Skinner of Calvert C^{ty} at the same time expects the next Sheveralty in Consequence of the Letter you gave him to me unsealed,