

he is not one who would make any Allowance out of the Income Letter Bk. I.  
therefore I am at a Loss what measures to pursue so as  
to offend neither, I hope you will favour me with your  
Directions & that I shall receive them before the time that  
I shall be obliged to make any Alteration—M<sup>r</sup> Tasker tells me  
he has sent you the whole Acc<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Hide's Affairs with the  
late Lord Baltimore & what was done therein by him as Agent.  
I am unwilling to write to his Ldp unless I had better News to  
acquaint him with wherefore I shall defer it till I again address  
myself to you & in the mean time am S<sup>r</sup> &c—

[Sharpe to John Sharpe.]

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D<sup>r</sup> B<sup>r</sup>

Our Assembly is still sitting having yet done Nothing in  
Compliance with my Recommendation or Requests. The old  
Obstacles occur & will I beleive oblige me to prorogue the  
Assembly to Morrow.

By Letters from our Back Inhabitants that have been  
received since those mentioned in my last Letter I am  
informed that 15 more of the distant Setlers have been killed  
or carried away prisoners & that a Party of Indians were seen  
the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult 100 Miles within our Settlements. I am satisfied  
the Assembly will never recede from the points that his Ldps  
Instructions oblige me to insist on tho half the province should  
be depopulated; & to see the poor Inhabitants who are near  
the frontiers in such distressed Circumstances with<sup>t</sup> being able  
to relieve or protect them gives me great Concern & uneasi-  
ness; besides I am not without Apprehensions that when Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Braddock has taken the French Forts on the Ohio the French  
will immediately recover & repossess them, for without Com-  
pulsion these Colonies will not support a Garrison there or  
supply it with Ammunition or provisions—

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

July 8.

Sr

The inclosed Packett I have just rec<sup>d</sup> from Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris.  
Our Assembly is still sitting but I beleive I shall be obliged to  
prorogue them to Day as they seem determined to grant no  
Supplies not even for the protection of our Frontiers on which  
parties of Indians are daily committing Depredations. I have  
Acc<sup>ts</sup> of their having killed & carried away 26 of our distant  
Inhabitants & that a party of them have been seen not far  
from Conegoek near 100 Miles within our Settlements.