

Letter Bk. I. to the Incroachments & Devastations of the French & their
 Savages by whom 26 of the Distant Inhabitants have already
 perished however I with sorrow find that they will set nothing
 p. 139 in Competition with the points for which they have been con-
 tending & that the Lives & Safeties of the people must submit
 to their Caprice & Humour finding it was impossible to
 prevail on them to grant any Supplies or make such Provision
 as it was my Duty to sollicit & as common Prudence &
 Humanity should have inclined them to give, I complied with
 their repeated Request by proroguing the Assembly to January
 next when your Ldp's Council will advise farther to prorogue
 them unless your Ldp shall in the mean time be pleased to
 signify your pleasure to the Contrary. Gov^r Morris advises
 me that the Assembly of that Province have behaved & con-
 cluded their Session just in the same manner, & are determined
 to abide by their former Resolutions unless they be compelled
 to recede by some superiour Authority. I have also received
 a Letter from Gover^r Dinwiddie wherein he tells me that the
 Assembly of that Dominion have granted £10000 more for the
 Encouragement of the Expedition & upon receiving Intelli-
 gence from their Frontier Cties that two parties of Indians &
 French amounting together to about 130 Men had been seen
 there & had destroyed 9 Families & burnt their Habitations,
 they have also impowered him to raise 200 Men for the Pro-
 tection of the Distant Settlements: As no other Hopes now
 remain I am about to set off for Frederick to try what can be
 done with the Militia of that Cty whose Officers are ordered to
 meet, & I intend to have 80 Men furnished from their several
 Companies by Lot or otherwise which I shall form into one
 Company of Rangers & impress Victuals according to the
 Directions of the Militia Act for their Subsistance till the
 Barbarians shall decline to infest our Borders. We learn by
 the Way of Phil^a that the French Fleet consisting it is said of
 6 Men of War & 9 large Transports with 4000 Land Forces
 are in the Harbour of Louisburg & that Admiral Boscawen
 with 13 Sail of the Line lies before that place. We hope very
 shortly to hear from General Braddock at Fort Du Quesne &
 from Oswego on Ontario Lake where Gov^r Shirley with the
 Troops under his Command must we expect be by by this time
 arrived—

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[Sharpe to Braddock.]

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I am exceedingly sorry to be under a necessity of acquainting
 you that our Assembly broke up yesterday without making
 any provision either for the uses for which money was required