

by your Letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> of May or for the Support of the Maryland Company that is now with you, indeed so infatuated & averse to giving money were they that they have refused to grant the least Sum towards the protection of our Frontiers & the distant Inhabitants 26 of whom have been killed & carried away by Indian Parties since you left Fort Cumberland. This Obstinacy of theirs has rendered me unable to make any more Remittances to Capt Dagworthy or his Company of which I have informed him & advised him to wait on you for Orders what to do with his Men or what part to act himself. I propose to set out for Frederick in a Day or two & try what can be done with the Militia the House of Assembly would persuade them that the Law is not in force but I shall endeavour to shew them that I entertain different Sentiments with respect to that matter. By Letters from the Northward I am informed that the Brest Squadron consisting of 4 Men of War & 20 Transports with 4000 Land Forces on board were arrived at Louisburg & that Admiral Boscawen was also before that place with Ten Capital Ships & expected to be joined by 3 more of his Fleet who had lost him in the passage. there is great Reason to beleive they are not extremely well supplied with Provision on Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Embargo that was laid in Ireland: if so they must soon be greatly distressed as some late Laws that have been made by these several provinces have prevented the Exportation of any Supplies hence to Cape Breton—

[Sharpe to Capt. Orme.]

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July 9<sup>th</sup> 1755—

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I have writ to inform the General of my ill Success with our Assembly who broke up Yesterday without making any Provision for the Service & uses for which the General asked Money of this & the two neighbouring Provinces. by this Event I am rendered unable to support or make any more Remittances to Capt Dagworthy or his Company of which I have acquainted him & advised him to wait on you to receive the General's Orders for the Disposal of himself & the Men under his Command. While our people had the General's Letter under Consideration we received Intelligence that some Parties of Indians had made Incursions & killed or carried away 26 of the Inhabitants who dwelt a few miles from Fort Cumberland, upon which I would have persuaded them to impower me to raise & support a Company of Rangers for the Protection of the Frontiers, but they refused to grant any money for that or any other purpose, which Resolution I beleive they will never recede from tho Half the Province