

Letter Bk. II. ordered by their Instructions to receive & execute General Braddocks Commands, by this unhappy news they are entirely at a Loss what to do or how to act: they will tarry here at least to see if the melancholly Account be confirmed or till you can signify what you would have them do. If many Officers should be lost ought they not to offer their Service to the Regiments & raise men to compleat them instantly but in that Case where can they have money for they have not permission to draw on any Account whatever. I observe Col^o Innes says all the Artillery is taken but as he does not mention any particulars nor by what means he received the Intelligence I know not what to think of the Affair. inclosed you have the last Acc^{ts} we have rec^d from whence perhaps you may form some Judgment how it happened. Our Gentⁿ are making subscriptions for the Defence of our Frontiers which will enable me I hope to have 100 or 200 men in arms within a very few Days for that purpose. You will not delay I hope to send your Opinion to me concerning the Gentⁿ whom I mentioned above & at whose Request I have taken this Opportunity of Addressing you. Be pleased also to inform me whether or when you dispatch a Vessel with this news to England w^{ch} will oblige—

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

July 17. 1755

S^r

By the inclosed which is transcribed from a Lett^r that I have this Inst received you will see w^t foundation or Grounds Col^o Innes had for writing the Lett^r of w^{ch} you will find a Copy in mine dated the 15 Inst. I leave it to yourself to judge w^t might have happened or how far that Acco^t ought to be credited & related.

Mem^m Copies of these two last Lett^{rs} were sent to M^r W^m Sharpe

Original.

[Orme to Sharpe.]

Fort Cumberland July 18th 1755.

My Dear Sir

I am so extremely ill in bed with the wound I have reciev'd in my thigh that I am under the necessity of employing my friend Cap^t Dobson to write for me.

I conclude you have had some account of the action near the Banks of the Monongahela about seven miles from the French Fort, as the reports spread are very imperfect what you have heard must consequently be so to. You should have had more