

Assembly on the Receipt of your Lett<sup>r</sup> had there been the least probability of my prevailing with them to depute Commissioners to meet you with power to make any Stipulation or Agreement with respect to the Quota of Men or Money that this Province should advance towards carrying on another Expedition against our common Enemy: but Sir I am sorry to inform you that the Case is far otherwise some Disputes that subsist between the Branches of our Legislature have for the present put an entire Stop to all Business. Not even the Ravages that the Enemy have been committing on our Frontiers had weight with our Assembly to make them wave the point in Controversy, you will readily conclude then that my Meeting them on what they have & would esteem a more forreign matter would be to little Effect; however as soon as I receive some Letters that I expect very shortly from England I will convene the Assembly & will you may be assured endeavour to procure some Supplies tho the present Circumstances of our Affairs & the Vicinity & Incursions of the Enemy against whom an Armed Force in these parts will be requisite forbid me to expect any thing considerable for you. I am much obliged to you for favouring me with a particular Account of your situation at the time you writ which indeed seems to have been none of the best but as you expressed some Expectations of being put in a better Condition by the Arrival of a Convoy of Provisions I entertain the most sanguine hopes that you was not disappointed in such your Expectations & that every thing has since fallen out according to your wishes. Since Colonel Dunbar left Fort Cumberland the Indians have made frequent Incursions & cut off many of the Inhabitants. The Garrison of the Fort is reduced by Desertions to about 140 men who are as it were shut up by the numerous Parties of Indians that infest all that part of the Country. Of the Troops in Fort Cumberland about 100 are the Remains of all the Virginians; in pursuance of a late Act of their Assembly Govern<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie has ordered them to be compleated to 1000 by Colo Washington who is to have the Command of them when so Regimented. Since General Braddock's Misfortune we have not been able to get any Intelligence from Fort Du Quesne but a French Deserter who left it a good while ago tells me that the French have a Magazine of Provisions between Fort de Niagara & S<sup>t</sup> Victo at the Distance of about 9 miles from the first.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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Sir  
Your Packett by Montgomorie I have at length had the Satisfaction to receive. The Directions with which your Letter