

me have a Copy of by Mr Calvert will make that Province as Letter Bk. II.
averse to granting any farther Supplies for His Majesty's
Service as the Assemblies of Pens^a & Maryland have proved.
Unless the Legislature of Great Britain interferences & orders
what we shall each do these Colonies seem to be in a very
unhappy State & Condition, the Indians make Incursions &
cut off our Inhabitants while the Dispute that subsists between
the Branches of our Legislature concerning the Appropriation
of Ordinary Lycence Fines puts it out of my Power to take any
measures to protect them. It is said General Shirley finds a p. 153
Descent on either of the French Forts on Ontario this year
impracticable & that General Johnson is also at his Ne plus
Ultra, I know not what Credit is to be given to such Reports
but I begin to fear they are not without foundation—

[Sharpe to Doctor Sharpe.]

Oct^r 24th by Mr Wayne—

D^r D^r

Instead of a long Lett^r which an Unwillingness to deprive
Mr Wayne of the Pleasure he may take in communicating to
you what has occurred here since his Arrival makes me at this
time decline writing, I will inclose you a Map of the British
Settlements in N America & a Journal of the Proceedings of
our Assembly at their last meeting; The latter will shew you
(if you think it worth while to peruse it) how unhappily our
Affairs are circumstanced & that such Disputes subsist between
the several Branches of this Legislature as will prevent our
taking any Steps for our own Defence unless the Parliament
of Great Britain shall think proper to interfere & decide
or make us wave the Points in Controversy. I desire you will
not be surprized at seeing I am become a Favourer of our
Religion's Enemies, & that whatever Credit you give to those
that would insinuate as much, you will give the greatest to me
when I declare that I am with the highest Esteem

Y^r obliged & most affect^a B^r

P. S. Mr Ridout has informed you how
that Affair of M^{rs} Tiffens is circumstanced
I do not see what Releif she can get unless
She will divide wth the Commissioners the money that
is in her Attorneys hands.