

Letter Bk. II. will unavoidably attend the Execution of any part of your Excellency's plan for the Reduction of Fort Du Quesne for which I am sensible the Colonies will never provide (people entirely unacquainted with Military Affairs being apt to think that every thing beyond cloathing paying & victualing the Troops is Excess) I hope I shall be excused for desiring some other Cash that what the Assemblies may grant or a Lett^r of Credit for as much as you shall judge requisite for defraying such contingent Charges as the Colonies that shall put Troops under my Command will not take upon themselves. As I must also request the favour of your Excellency to appoint some Ingineer on this Service I should be glad M^r Gordon were ordered to the Southward as he is a Gentⁿ with whom I have heretofore had some acquaintance & is is now at Phil^a When I receive a Lett^r from Gov^r Dinwiddie to whom I have sent an Express with your Packett or as soon as our Assembly come to any Resolution to be depended on I will not fail to send your Excell^{cy} speedy Intelligence & I shall be much obliged to you for the favour of an answer as soon as possible or as shall be convenient, in the mean time

I am &c—

[Sharpe to Fox.]

8th of March 1756—

Right Honble—

I embrace this first Opportunity of acknowledging the Receipt of a Lett^r you was pleased to honour me with in Nov^r & to express the pleasure I receive from being directed to address
 p. 180 my Lett^{rs} to you as one of His Majestys principal Secretaries of State as also to assure you that with the greatest punctuality I will acquaint you with any important Occurrence that may happen in this Part of His Majesty's Dominions. I will always endeavour to shew my Duty to His Majesty by complying most readily with whatever Instructions you may at any time be pleased to send me & you will I hope do me the Justice to beleive that it shall be my constant Study to approve myself

R^t Hon^{ble}

[Sharpe to Lords of Trade.]

Copy of a Lett^r to the L^{ds} of Trade that was writ the 8th Feb^y not sent till now.

R^t Hon^{ble}

In Obedience to y^r Ldp's Commands signified to me in a Lett^r dated the 19th of Sept^r which I lately rec^d I am to acquaint