Lower True Account of their Transactions with those people I have House some hopes they will supply us with a Thousand men who 1754-57. must be paid and supported by the Neighbouring Colonies.

The Cherokees that came into Augusta About three months ago, with 230 of our Rangers are gone to Attack the Shawnesse in their Towns, I wish them success and on their Return shall give you an Account what has been done by

We are Intirely in want of Arms, none are sent here from his Majesty; our agent says there are 6000 sent to New England to be Distributed among the Colonies, they would have come sooner to hand if sent from London; I have wrote General Shirley the great want we are in and Desired to be Supplyed if in his power I am glad your Assembly has Voted 40,000 and wish our Assembly may be prevaled on to grant a handsum sum They mett the 25th

I am sorry for that part of your letter, that the French intend to Attack Oswego this Winter, and hope the Intelligence is groundless but I fear we have not Men sufficient there to

Defend the place.

I should gladly hope that the operations for these Southern Colonies shoud be to the Ohio if they did not succeed in Takeing the Fort they would make a very good Dispersion by hindering them on the Ohio from marching to Niagara; and I fear its Impossible to prevale with our people to go to Albany.

There are four Brass cannon of 12 pounders with all their Appertenances Landed here, General Shirley ordered them to New York, but I stopt them till I here from him as they will be greatly wanted, if we make any attempt the other side the Allegany mountains in the summer. I send you a Book and a small Bottle left With me for you.

I am with great Respect and esteem Your Excellencys

Most humble and Obedient Servt

P. S. pray have you any Account Robt Dinwiddie of Col<sup>o</sup> Cornwallies being Appointed to Command in Chief.

> I have sent by the Commissioners to the Catawba's and Cherokees Goods to the Amount of 1000 for a Present.

Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe

Original.

## [Baltimore to Sharpe.]

London March 9. 1756.

Dear Sir/

I have the Pleasure to deliver this to the Earl of Loudoun, and to inform you of the Happiness His Majesty has done