

tracted to Serve, and that he has no Right to enlist in his Majesty's Service without his Masters Consent, untill the Expiration of his time of Servitude

as to the 2^d I am of Opinion that a Recruiting Officer who enlists a Mans indented Servant knowing him to be such, is liable to the Action of the Master, and that he Ought to recover Damages adequate to the injury he sustains by the loss of his Servant, but if an Officer should enlist a Servant not knowing him to be such I think no Action will lye against him, unless he should detain the Servant from his Master, after he is informed of his being a Servant, In which case I think an Action would lye against him.

as to the 3^d I am of Opinion that the Governor cannot discharge any Civil Action commenced by a Man for the Recovery of his Property, and such is an Action commenced by a Master ag^t an Officer for taking his Servant out of his Service

W. Dorsey

22^d March 1756

[Sharpe to Morris.]

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I am sorry to find by Your's from Newcastle that the Pensilvania Assembly have broke up with^t granting any farther Supplies, however I am not without hopes that at the End of the fortnight for which they have adjourned they will meet disposed & determined to do more than you seem to expect. The framing a Bill in consequence of the Vote I before mentioned to you has employed our people near a month, it has not yet made it's appearance but I am told that due Care has been taken to insert many Clauses that will lay the Upper House as well as myself under a necessity of refusing it. Governor Dinwiddie seems I think to entertain but faint hopes of succeeding better with the Virginians who are to meet next Friday so that I despair of seeing any thing done by these Southern Colonies this Summer or untill the Legislature of G Britain shall take our Condition under Consideration & save our respective Assemblies the Trouble of providing for their own Safety I have writ to General Shirley to this purpose & intimated to him that the Commission & Instructions he was pleased to honour me with will but little contribute to the Reduction of Fort Du Quesne if there are no Troops for me to take the Command of, No Money to raise & support any, No Arms for them if they were raised & No Artillery, Ammunition or Provisions.—Pray how did the Assembly behave on the Receipt of the General's Lett^r & Observations upon their

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