

what Steps you would choose to have taken in case Judgment Letter Bk. III should be given for the Plaintiff. Inclosed is a Letter from Governor Dinwiddie, he tells me that all the Field Pieces that were in that Dominion Your Excellency has ordered to New York, that he has but very few small Arms not sufficient for the Virginia Troops, that the Officers of Col^o Washington's Regiment have not yet been able to raise 600 Men & that he is much afraid his Assembly which is to meet about this time will not grant such Supplies as your Excellency expects, or even as will be required for making a Diversion to the Westward. The Assembly of Pensilvania has I hear broke up without doing any thing & I begin to despair of any Success with ours which has been now sitting more than a Month without any Supply Bill's making it's Appearance; At this time they are employing themselves in preparing a Remonstrance against the Proceedings of the military Officers in Enlisting their Servants upon which Subject I expect to be addressed & shall be glad if their Resentment does not lead them to insert such Clauses in the Supply Bill that is framing as will lay the Upper House or myself under a necessity of refusing it. Governor Dinwiddie says he has reason to expect the Commissioners that are gone to the Cherokee & Catawba Nations will engage a very considerable Body of those Indians to be at Fort Cumberland this Spring to act in Conjunction with such English Forces as should be raised in these Colonies for an Expedition to the Westward. He says you mentioned that these People were to be allowed British pay but as you did not tell him how or from what Fund they were to be paid he desires me to ask that question; I presume Your Excellency expects that these Colonies would take that Expence on themselves, but as Governor Dinwiddie desires your answer on that Article I shall be glad to be favoured therewith, & also to know if your Excellency could furnish us with any number of small Arms, in case Troops should be raised here, for I beleive we have not more than 300 or 400 Stand at most in this province. I am &c—

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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Dated the 27th March

My Lord

Upon the Receipt of your Lordships Instructions dated the 22^d of August & Colo. Taskers Acceptance of M^r Calvert's Deputation to him as Secretary I appointed M^r Bordley to succeed M^r Tasker as Naval Officer of this Port & M^r Darnall as your Ldp's Attorney Gen^l At the same time I communicated to M^r Darnal the part of Your Ldp's Instructions that