

within this Province, I have my Information only from Report, but by what I can learn there was a Party of Colonel Washingtons Regiment posted somewhere in Virginia opposite the Place above mentioned; Lieutenant Gordon who commanded it, on some Account or other came over into Maryland, and falling into a Fray of which I cannot learn any thing particular, was killed by an Inhabitant of this Province who was thereupon apprehended, but through the Ignorance of a County Justice was soon after admitted to Bail. As soon as I was advised thereof, I ordered a Provincial Warrant to be instantly issued requiring the Sheriff of Frederick County where the Fact was committed to take the Offender into Custody, and carry him before a Provincial Magistrate to be dealt with according to Law, and to take his trial, at the next Assize's for the County which Will be held at Frederick Town the fifth of May next, when the Attorney General will be sent up to prosecute, you will therefore be pleased to direct the surviving Officer of the above mentioned Party to order such Soldiers, or other Inhabitants of Virginia, as may have been Witnesses to this unhappy Accident, to attend at the Assizes and give their Evidence. In case such Witnesses should be afraid of being molested (of which I think they have not the least Reason to be apprehensive) they shall on the Officer's making Application either to the Court or myself have a Protection; which your Honour will be pleased to signify to him, that whatever might be the Issue of the Trial, there may not be the least Room given any Person whatever to insinuate hereafter, that every Step was not taken to bring the Criminal to condign Punishment. Your Honor will I hope be perswaded that every Measure shall be taken by this Government that is agreeable to Law, and Justice, and believe that I am

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With great Regard
S^r Your most humble & m^t obed^t Serv^t
Hor: Sharpe

To
Governor Dinwiddie.

[Sharpe to John Sharpe.]

Letter Bk. III

2^d of April 1756.

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Your two Lett^{rs} dated the 7th & 16th of Oct^r I had a few Days since the pleasure to receive & embrace this first Opportunity of making my Acknowledgments for them & returning you my sincere thanks for the several Instances of your Kindness & Friendship therein hinted at. I rejoice that you was