

Letter Bk. I. sufficient Body of Men collected before the Season would be too far advanced. Affairs being thus situated I am preparing to set off for the Frontiers to put them in the best Posture of Defence that the Law will permit & have a strong Fort constructed on the North Mountain; I learn that all the Forces to the Northw^d are in motion towards the places of their respective Destination but unless the Troops that We are bid to expect from England arrive time enough to join them I am not with^t some Apprehensions that the Campaign will not be closed so successfully & happily as we all wish. The Virginians are about to compleat their Regiment commanded by Col^o Washington with Drafts from the Militia of that Colony but I do not conceive that it will be possible for them to attempt any thing more this Summer than oppose the Incursions of the Savages & prevent the entire Depopulation of their Frontier Counties. I have not heard that any Mischief has been lately done in either Virg^a or Pens^a but as it is the Custom of Indians to return home after an Engagement for a Short time this is easily accounted for & We daily expect to have them upon the Frontiers in greater Numbers, however I hope our people will now be in some Measure prepared for them & that they will not be able to repeat their Barbarities in this province with Impunity. I beleive I shall return again to Annapolis in about a month when I shall do myself the honour in another Lett^r to desire that Y^r Ldp will beleive me to be

Y^r Ldps most devoted
& most humb Serv^t

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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I am now to inform you that the Assembly is at length broke up after having sat almost twice as long as ever an Assembly has been known or heard to have done before. You will see a List of the Laws that were enacted on the Day of Session in the inclosed Gazette to which I also beg leave to refer you for my Proroguing Speech. The Journal of Accounts has been agreed to by both Houses & a Levy Bill is passed to pay off all the Publick Debts, so that Bone of Contention at least no longer exists & thereby the Difficulty of finding Ways & means to raise money hereafter for His Majesty's Service is I hope removed as a Poll Tax will be obvious for that purpose. As soon as the Laws can be printed I shall take Care to send them with Remarks as usual tho none of them are of very great importance or of an extraordinary Nature except