

Letter Bk. I. been a little dilitory in filling the Magazines I am not without fears that the Event of this Campaign will not be quite agreeable to our wishes unless the Succours expected from England or Ireland shall speedily arrive—

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to John Sharpe.]

27th of May 1756.

D^r B^r

I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter you favoured me with the 1st of Ian^y but as I have writ a long Letter to B^r W^m that might serve as an answer to it I shall at present take no farther Notice thereof than to offer & desire you to accept my most grateful Acknowledgments for your kind anxiety & generous Endeavours to promote & serve me beyond what I could desire ask or expect. After sitting 13 Weeks both Houses of our Assembly have agreed on & I have passed an Act for granting the Sum of £40,000 Currency or £25,000 Ster^{ls} for His Majesty's Service. Eleven of the forty are appropriated to build & support a Fort on the North Mountain at present our Westernmost Frontier tho more than 60 Miles on this Side Fort Cumberland & as many to the Eastward of some Settlements that our People had made before these Disturbances happened & continued on some time after General Braddock's Defeat, to Garrison this Fort & range on the Frontiers two Companies of 100 Men each are to be raised & kept up till next February. The Remainder of the Money granted is to be expended in carrying on an Expedition to the westward & in making Presents to the Southern Indians, but as the latter is not to be done unless the Neighbouring Governments appoint Commissioners to treat with & make presents to the Indians also, nor any Troops to be raised in this Province for an Expedition till I have received Assurances from Governors Dinwiddie & Morris that their respective Assemblies will grant a proportionable & reasonable Quota of Men & Money for that Service I am apt to think that the whole Sum granted except the £11000 abovementioned will remain in Bank till I convene the Assembly again next Spring. I do not apprehend that any part of the Supply Bill will be disagreeable or objected to by His Lordship unless it be a Clause which imposes the same Tax on His Ldp's Mannour Lands & such others as are leased out as it does on the Lands which have been granted away or patented by the Lords Proprietary & are held & occupied by the Inhabitants of this Province. As I have some reason to think that your good Services will be absolutely necessary to reconcile His Lordsp to this Bill tho in fact the