

applied to support such Troops as it shall be thought proper to Letter Bk. III raise in this province to act in Conjunction with those that may be raised in the neighbouring Colonies for an Expedition to the Westward & is made liable to the Drafts or Orders of the Officer that shall be appointed to command on such Expedition. As all the Men which have been raised in N Carolina are transported to N York & the Pensilvanians continue averse to granting any Supplies for the abovementioned Service the Money will remain in our Treasury till the Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces in America shall signify his pleasure concerning the Disposal of it. I do not hear that any Mischief has been lately done on the Frontiers of this & the two Neighbouring Colonies nor that any parties of Indians have been for some time discovered on this Side Fort Cumberland. I am &c.

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

31st of May 1756

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Inclosed I send you an Extract from a Law which we have at length with great Difficulty made for granting a Supply of £40,000 for His Majesty's Service. As I have lately been advised by Governor Dobbs that all the Troops which he has been enabled to raise are by General Shirley's Order transported to N York & the Pensilvanians still remain averse to Action I should be of Your Opinion as to the impracticability of our acting offensively in these parts tho our Assembly had given me a greater Latitude with respect to the £25,000, than they have thought proper. I hope the Voluntier association you speak of will have a good Effect & animate the lower Class of People who in both these Colonies seem to stand in need of some extraordinary Incitements. I have not heard of the Arrival of Lord Loudon or any other Officers as yet but I earnestly hope the Troops will arrive time enough to act in Conjunction with those that are moving towards Ontario for I have been lately informed that none of the Regulars are compleat & I doubt not but the French will be strong this Summer on the Lakes. I hope & flatter myself you will be able when your Regiment is full to prevent such frequent Incursions of the Indians into Virginia; I am about to proceed to the North Mountain which is to be our extreem Limit to put our Frontiers also into a better posture of Defence & to have a Fort constructed there agreeable to our Act of Assembly. I am &c