

Letter Bk. I. sive Fort at Winchester & it is reported they will remove thither the Stores from Fort Cumberland & abandon that place. I have not lately received any Advices from the Northward but by what I can find our Troops in that part of the Continent are not expected to perform great Exploits this Season. General Abercrombie & the Forces that embarked with him are arrived & Lord Loudon with two more Regiments is daily expected. Your Favour by General Webb I have received & in Consequence thereof begun a Correspondence with that Gent<sup>n</sup> I hope you beleive that I shall always pay the greatest Regard to your Recommendations & endeavour to shew on every Occasion that I am &c—

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Maj.-Gen. Abercromby.]

Fort Frederick 17<sup>th</sup> July 1756.

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I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favour by Major Rutherford & to congratulate you on your Arrival in America where I heartily wish you all happiness & Success I beg you will think that nothing shall be wanting on my Part to promote & forward the Service in which Major Rutherford & the other Gentlemen of the Royal Americans are at this time engaged, I have already writ to our Magistrates to assist the Recruiting Parties that may be ordered to this Province & to contribute towards the Completion of that Corps as much as lies in their power. I am much obliged to your Excellency for forwarding to me the packett from the Secretary of State, in Obedience to M<sup>r</sup> Fox's Letter I have already sent a particular Account of the State & Condition of this Province in a Lett<sup>r</sup> directed to Col<sup>o</sup> Webb or the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in America which I presume will be laid before you & at the same time I also informed him that the Assembly of this Province has lately granted the Sum of £40000 Currency or £25,000 St<sup>r</sup> for His Majesty's Service part thereof is particularly appropriated to build a Fort on the Frontiers of this Province & to support two Companies of 100 Men each till next Feb<sup>r</sup> for the Protection of our Back-Inhabitants but the greater Part is given for the Encouragement of an Expedition to the Westward should such a one be approved of & the two neighbouring Colonies contribute towards carrying it on, in that Case the Moneyabovementioned is made payable to the Commander in Chief of such Expedition & the Treasurers will accept his Orders for the same, but if no such Expedition be resolved on I must meet the Assembly to get it otherwise appropriated as soon as I receive Orders