

from the Earl of Loudon or Your Excellency for that purpose. Letter Bk. III
I return you thanks for troubling yourself with the Letter from
M^r Calvert, should I be fortunate enough to have an Oppor-
tunity of paying my Respects to you in Person I would take the
Liberty from it to introduce myself to you & endeavour to
shew that Lord Baltimore & M^r Calvert bid me do the thing
most agreeable to my own Inclination & Wishes when they
desire me to be known to your Excellency & to endeavour to
convince you by all means in my power that I am &c—

[Sharpe to Fox.]

17th July 1756.

R^t Hon^{ble}

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your
two Letters dated the 13th of March by Colo Webb, & Dupli-
cates thereof by Major General Abercrombie & will endeavour
to pay the most punctual Obedience to your Commands therein
signified the Money that our Assembly has granted for His
Majesty's Service is for the most part made payable to the
Order of any Officer that may be appointed to command in
Chief on an Expedition to the Westward of this I have advised
General Abercrombie & shall if the Earl of Loudon or he think
proper desire the Assembly to appropriate it to any other Use.
We have for almost two years had an Act of Assembly to pro-
hibit all Trade with the French & their Allies which I beleive
is effectual & renders it impossible for them to be supplied
with any Stores or Provisions from this Province & indeed the
Inhabitants did not even before this Act was made carry on any
Trade with them. I have in a Letter which Lord Loudon will
receive on his Arrival at New York & also in a Letter to
General Abercrombie given a very particular Account of the
present State & Condition of this Province agreeable to the
Orders you was pleased to send me. We have not lately lost
more than four of the Inhabitants of this Province & those
were killed in two Skirmishes with Indians on our extreme
Frontiers wherein the Indians lost on equal Number & retired
without the plunder they were carrying off from Pensilvania.
I have been some time at this Place getting a Fort constructed
which is to be garrisoned with 200 Men that the Assembly
have enabled me to support for that purpose & to patroll on
the Frontiers for the Protection of the remote Inhabitants.
I am &c.