

Letter Bk. III convening your Assembly on the Receipt of His Letters I shall be much obliged to you for advising me thereof, as I also should for Copies of your two last Supply Bills—with the greatest Regard I am &c

[Sharpe to Gov. Lyttelton.]

23<sup>d</sup> of August. 1756.

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter advising me of Your safe Arrival in your Governm<sup>t</sup> upon which I heartily congratulate you & wish you much Ease & Satisfaction in your Administration. As I am persuaded that a Friendly Correspondence between the Governors of these several Colonies is in the present State of Affairs exceedingly expedient, your Declaration on that head is very acceptable & I beg leave to assure you that I shall with the greatest Readiness contribute as much as is in my power towards the Execution of any thing whereby His Majesty's Service may be promoted. I should have done Myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Yours sooner but had no Opportunity of Conveyance from the Western Frontiers of this Province where I have been a considerable time building a Fort, & whence I am but just returned. A few Days since a Party of Indians did some Mischief in this Province but an Accident which happened in Pens<sup>a</sup> the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult has much more alarmed the Frontier Inhabitants of that Colony & made them think of retiring to the more populous parts of the Country Eastward of Susquehanna. One of the Forts that were built last year on the Western Side of Susquehanna (called Fort Granville situated on the Juniata about 20 miles Distance from its mouth was on the Day abovementioned attacked & utterly destroyed by a party of French & Indians supposed to be about 150 under the Command of a French Officer, the Garrison at that time consisted of a Lieut<sup>t</sup> & 24 men only, the rest near 50 in Number being out to cover some people who were reaping & getting in their Grain. The Lieutenant & a few of the men being killed & the Fort set on fire by the Enemy those who survived surrendered prisoners at Discretion & were carried off by the French who fixed up & left on or near the place where the Fort stood a White Flag this is all the News I can send you from these parts; from the Northward I hear nothing but that the provincial Troops are on their march toward Crown Point alone, having determined in a general Council that they would not accept of the Assistance of two of the European Regiments which Lord Loudon offered His Lordship has however ordered the Regiments to cover them & keep the Communication open between Lake George & the Inhabitants. I am &c—