

[Sharpe to Gov. Lawrence.]

Letter Bk. III

24th of August 1756—

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter dated at Hallifax the 1st of July & in Answer thereto beg leave to assure you that None of the French who were imported into this Province last year from Nova Scotia have been suffered either by Land or Water to return again thither. I did indeed sometime ago hear that those who were by you sent to S^o Carolina had embarked in some small Vessels & were returning Northw^d but I could never learn that any of them landed in this province to refresh themselves or on any other Account; You may be assured that if any of them should hereafter touch here I will prevent their reembarking & that I will by having the inclosed Act of Assembly strictly put in Execution within this Government hinder any of those that were sent hither from returning to give you Trouble or Uneasiness

I am &c

[Sharpe to Morris.]

25th of Augst 1756—

Sir

I am now to thank you for several Letters that You favoured Me with while I was on the Frontiers & to beg your Pardon for delaying so long to acknowledge the Receipt of them. I hear M^r Pownall has thought proper to publish his Reasons for refusing the Govern^t of Pens^a I cannot take upon me to say whether he deserves the Applause that he receives of some for that Behaviour, tho' it must be presumed he knew best what Step it was most advisable for him to take when he declined accepting M^r Penn's Offer, No doubt as you intimate he has a more desirable Govern^t in view & tho he should fail of that he cannot I am told miss of Pensilv^a whenever the Governors of that Province shall become elective. On the Receipt of the Letter of the 15th Inst. acquainting me with the Reduction of Fort Granville. I was about to send Orders to Capt Dagworthy to send a Detachment of 50 Men from Fort Frederick to cover Your People & keep open the Communication between Forts Lyttelton & Shirley & your Inhabitants, but the same Morning before the Council (without whose Advice I could not regularly order our Rangers out of the Province) could meet an Express arrived with Letters from Fort Frederick & the Frontiers advising me that a large party of French & Indians made an Incursion into this Province also & cut off many of our People who dwelt on or near Conegochiegh. One of the