

Acco^t of Pragues being invested by the King of Prussia & that Letter Bk. III
 Admiral Bing is lodged in the Tower. As Governor Denny
 mentions nothing of it in a Lett^r that he sent me by this Person
 I know not what Credit is to be given to the Report. Our
 Gentⁿ were pleased to tell me in Answer to what I said to
 them in favour of a Light House that it was a new matter to
 them & therefore not hastily to be determined on & I beleive
 they never will make any such Act as you desire & as I recom-
 mended to them.

I am &c.

[Sharpe to John Sharpe.]

10th of Oct^r 1756.

D^r B^r

In my last dated the 13th Sept^r I informed you that in Con-
 sequence of a Lett^r from the Earl of Loudoun I had issued
 a proclamation for the Assembly to meet the next Day, being
 unwilling to give them any room to begin Disputes or protract
 the Session I only recommended it to them in a short & simple
 Speech to appropriate part of the money that was already
 raised to such uses as the Secretary of State & Lord Loudoun
 required; had they been disposed to promote His Majesty's
 Service they may have framed a Bill for that purpose in a Day
 or two at farthest, but notwithstanding the Alarming Situation
 of Affairs at that time & the Importunity of His Ldp for Men,
 our cool & circumspect Gentⁿ sat a fortnight persuading each
 other that Oswego could not have fallen into the hands of the
 French as His Ldp had represented & consequently that there
 was not an absolute necessity for their making such provision
 as I had desired, however as the Gazette Writers have since
 convinced them that their wise Conjectures were really without
 any Foundation, they have at length proceeded to frame a Bill
 for appropriating £3000 to raise 300 Men for the Royal Ameri-
 cans, £2000 to purchase & transport provision to the Army &
 another Sum for finishing Fort Frederick & Augmenting the
 Garrison with 100 Men. The Bill received my Assent yester-
 day & I have rid myself of a Parcel of wretches whose
 Company I begin sincerely to detest. The Virg^a Assembly
 met a few Days after ours & having granted £8000 for raising
 500 Men for the Royal American Regiment & a pretty large
 Sum for the Support & Encouragement of a Body of Cherokees
 that they expect will join them broke up within a week while
 we have to our Reproach sat five times as long doing less
 Business. The Pensilvanians have also I find with much Diffi-
 culty been prevailed on to wave their Disputes & to grant