

prepar'd for them; and if the neighbouring Colonies will agree with proper Spirit to raise a Body of Men to attack the Enemy in their own Places of Resort, I think will be much more eligible than being on the Defensive in protecting our Frontiers. I have wrote to the other Governors to the same purport, & I shall be glad something essential was determin'd soon.

I am sorry Your Assembly wou'd not consent to a Light House at Cape Henry, which certainly wou'd have been of more Service to them than to this Colony, & the Expence to be paid by the shipping that receiv'd the Benefit, without any Charge on the Colonies.

I wish You Health & Happiness & am  
most Sincerely

Your Excellency's  
most obed<sup>t</sup> hble Servant  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dinwiddie

[Sharpe to Loudoun.]

Letter Bk. III

15<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1756—

My Lord

I am honoured with your Ldps two Letters dated the 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> & agreeable to your Ldp's pleasure have thereupon required the Inhabitants of Baltimore Town to provide Quarters for two Companies, & those of this place for One, Two more of the Companies may if your Ldp pleases be quartered at Chester Town, another at Charles Town & the Seventh at George-Town in Kent Co<sup>ty</sup> Charles George & Chester Towns are situated on the East Side of Chesapeak Bay & within three or four Days March of Newcastle. Baltimore Town lies on this Side the Bay almost opposite to George Town & Vessels will run from one to the other in a few hours. The Company that shall be ordered to this Place might also be embarked at George Town & conveyed hither with a fair Wind in half a Day. There is a small Town or Village called Oxford pretty far down on the Eastern Side of the Bay & another on this Side called Marlbro 20 miles from Annapolis, The Independant Company might be quartered at either as your Ldp shall think proper. I have writ to the Magistrates & Gentlemen in the neighbourhood of these several Places & desired them to assist the Officers that shall come among them & to promote the Recruiting Service to the utmost of their power. I beg leave to observe to your Ldp that hitherto all the Troops that have marched thro or been quartered in this Province have agreeable to an Act of Assembly made some