

another Lawyer in jointly with M^r Tasker, who most certainly is not fit to hold the Office singly. Your Brother M^r Iohn Sharpe is return'd a Member for this Parliam^t Y^r Brother Will^m is gone to Bath, he has been much out of Order this Winter. Affairs here are Quiet; His Grace of New Castle under God's Vicegerent sole Disposer of all Things. His Majesty in Good Health at Kensington.

I shos^d be much oblig'd to you for paym^t to me half yearly on y^r Corespondent in London for I having hardly any income to subsist upon But what I earn. I Desire you will obtain the same for me of M^r Tasker & M^r Dulany M^r Tasker's way of paym^t as to time does not suit me. You must do for M^r Graham My Lord desires me to remember you of him. My service to M^r Ross I've rec^d his, with the Copy of Bill enclosed. I desire he will surrender up to M^r Lloyd my Letter to M^r Tasker dated the 15th of May 1752.

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Original.

Williamsburg Virg^a 1st May 1754.

Sir

Your fav^o of 25th Apr. I rec^d last Night. I am very glad You agree with me in opinion, in regard to Gov^r Glen's Proposal; as I am convinced, if a Gov^r of this Dominion shou'd direct the Assembly either in regard to raising Men or Money, wou'd be the infallable way of being disappointed of both, for they depend greatly on their own Notions and Judgements. Y^r Letter to that Gentⁿ shall be duely forwarded; & I shall at all Times be ready to concur with the Gov^{rs} on this Continent, in any reasonable Scheme for His Majesty's Service, & that of these Colonies. M^r De Lancey has wrote me to the same Purpose he wrote you; however Eligible his Proposal may be, we can do Nothing this Year, as my whole Attention is on the Ohio Expedition, & I agree with you that a General Plan wou'd be more proper to be laid before an Assembly; as I think the different Colonies are too much confin'd to their seperate Interests, without considering Themselves Subjects to one Prince.

I wish you may succeed with Your Assembly for a Supply, as it appears to me monsterous, that from the many Informat^s we have of the French Intentions, that any British Colony shou'd hesitate in granting a mutual Assistance against the comon Enemy, on this present Exigency of our Affairs.

You may be assur'd it gives me great Pleasure & Satisfaction that the Plan of my operations on this Expedition meets with Your Approbation. If our Assembly had voted the sum they have now given, on my Aplication to them in Nov^r I am