

advised Capt Gates of his being apprehended & in Prison Letter Bk. III
I presume he will be sent for & punished agreeable to the
Sentence of a Court Martial.—

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

22^d of Ian^y 1757.

Sir

As I find by a Letter which your Messenger has just brought me from the Earl of Loudoun that His Lordship expects to be favoured with your Company at Philadelphia the 17th of next Month I shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at Annapolis in your way thither & of waiting on you to Pensilvania, If you'll be pleased to let me know when you intend to cross Potowmack I will order a Vehicle to that River to wait your arrival; & if you approve thereof & the Wind should serve I can engage a good commodious Vessel to carry us hence to the Head of the Bay where a Carriage might attend us. Unless the News of our having the Small-Pox in this Place should deter them I expect our Assembly will meet here on Monday next to make some Provision (if my Recommendation shall have any weight with them) for supplying seven Companies of the Royal Americans who are ordered hither for the Winter with such Necessaries as they stand in need of & as Soldiers are usually supplied with in Winter-Quarters.

[Sharpe to Denny.]

28th Ian^y 1757.

Sir

Colo. Bird of Virginia calling on me in his way to Phil^a I embrace the Opportunity to pay my Respects to you which I hope to do in person about the 17th of next Month. Major Prevost having represented to me that many of the Soldiers who are ordered to this Province are in great want of such Necessaries as Troops ought to be furnished with in winter quarters I would have met our Assembly & recommended the Case of the poor Fellows to their Consideration but our having the Small Pox at this place has been made a Pretence for their not meeting me & I find myself under the disagreeable necessity of telling the Major that it is not in my power to comply with his Request or to contribute in any respect to the Relief of the Men under his Command. &c.