

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Maj. Alex<sup>r</sup> Prevost.]28<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1757.

Sir

I am extremely sorry to find myself under the Necessity of informing you that since I have been favoured with your Letter by M<sup>r</sup> Campbell all the hopes which I had before entertained of being able to serve the Troops under your Command are vanished & that it is not in my power to afford, or to procure them at present the least Relief. The Assembly should have met last Monday agreeable to my Summons but it seems the News of our having the Small-Pox deterred them nor would more than about fourteen of the Burgesses be prevailed on to come near the place. As we could do no Business whatever unless more than twice that Number were present I have after detaining them five Days complied with the Request of the few that did attend, by proroguing the Assembly to the 10<sup>th</sup> of March by which time I hope we shall be free from the Distemper that is said to be so terrible to most of the Gent<sup>l</sup> of whom our Assembly is composed. I should have received great pleasure from contributing to the Satisfaction of the Officers & Men under your Command & if the Representatives of the People had given me an opportunity I should have used my utmost Endeavours to procure the Soldiers such Necessaries & Conveniences as would render their quarters agreeable, but being disappointed in my Expectations as I have above related, I can do no more than assure you than when the Gentlemen of the Assembly shall give me an opportunity of addressing myself to them, I will recommend it to them in the most earnest manner to reimburse such Persons as have or may be put to any Expence in furnishing the Seven Companies under your Command with such Things as they stand in need of—

I am &amp;c.

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

4<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1757.

My Ld

Having just heard that a Ship is about to sail from a distant part of the Province I embrace the Opportunity to advise your Ldp of such Occurrences as have happened since the Departure of our last Ships afforded us opportunities of transmitting Letters to England. I have not heard of any Mischief being done on the Frontiers of these Colonies for a long time & I hope the Weather as well as our Ranging Parties will secure the Inhabitants for these two or three Months. In November