

[Sharpe to Pitt.]

Letter Bk. III

22^d feby

Sir

Since I came to this Place in Obedience to a Letter which I was lately favoured with by the Earl of Loudoun I have had the pleasure to receive one from yourself dated the 27th of Decem^r last wherein you were pleased to advise me of your being appointed One of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State & to direct me for the future to address my Letters accordingly. I had the honour also to receive inclosed in the same Letter a Copy of His Majesty's most gracious Speech to his Parliament on the 2^d of Decem^r last & Copies of the Addresses which were presented to His Majesty in answer thereto for these I beg leave to make my Acknowledgments & at the same time to assure you that I shall at all times take Care to send you the earliest Advice of every thing worthy Notice that might occur in the Province with the Govern^t of which I have the honour to be entrusted. At present Things continue in Maryland as they have been for a considerable time, three Companies of 100 Men each being supported at the Expence of the Province to garrison a Fort which is building just beyond our Westernmost Settlements & to patroll on the Frontiers, our Back Inhabitants are well satisfied & think themselves pretty secure from Danger. No Mischief has been done among them for a long time neither has any Enemy been seen on our Frontiers since the Beginning of Winter, I am now waiting the Earl of Loudoun's Arrival at this Place where he is daily expected being already returned as we are informed from Boston to N York. with &c

[Sharpe to Loudoun.]

Phil^a 23^d of Feby 1757.

My Ld

It gives me great Pleasure to hear & to find by the Letter which I had last Night the honour to receive from your Ldp that after a fatiguing Journey you are arrived in good health at N York. I shall with pleasure wait your Ldp's Arrival here to have an Opportunity of paying my Respects in Person to your Ldp, but as our Assembly is by my Appointment to meet the 10th of next Month I must beg the favour of your Ldp to let it be signified to me whether you will have any Commands for me at this Place after the fifth of next Month that if I may not be certain of returning to Annapolis on that Day at farthest I might send timely Orders to have the Assembly prorogued to a longer Day.

I am &c.