

Liberty to imitate so laudable an Example, as many of them are unwilling to see or endeavour to explain away the Difference that exists between the Constitutions of the two Provinces, indeed all the Assemblies on the Continent begin to turn their Eyes towards Phila<sup>a</sup> & should the Assembly of this Province meet with the least Success in their intended Application Those of the Neighbouring Colonies will become equally untractable & never be satisfied till they have rendered themselves the supreme if not the only Branch of the Legislatures We hear that all the Transports which were charged with Ofarrell's Regiment & the Drafts sent over with them are arrived in some Province or other on the Continent except one which put into Antigua being unable to reach the Port to which She was destined.

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It is said that these Drafts & the Remains of Shirley's & Pepperell's Regiments (which according to Report are broke) will pretty well fill most of the Regiments in America except the Royal Americans & it is hoped that that also will be near compleat before there shall be occasion for their Service. Mr Denny tells me that he has been informed that My Lord & the Proprietaries of this Province are already come to a final Agreement about the Divisional Lines & that I might soon expect to receive Instructions in Consequence of such Agreement; As I have not yet received any hint from you concerning this Matter, I am afraid some of your Letters may have miscarried as I find by a Gentleman of Maryland just arrived in the Packett that some of mine to you by Capt Richardsons being taken have done. Be pleased to have the Letters directed for the Secretary of State & Mr Pownall delivered & to send my Brother's Letter to the Council Office by doing so you will much oblige &c.

[Sharpe to Board of Trade.]

Letter Bk. III

Phila 23<sup>d</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1757.

My Lds

Since I came to this place which I did about a week since in Obedience to a Letter which the Earl of Loudoun was pleased to send me I have had the Honour to receive one from your Ldps dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> last whereby I am directed to have an Embargo laid during His Majesty's Pleasure on all Vessels that may be loaded with Provisions in His Majesty's Province of Maryland & to suffer none to sail till the Owners or Masters have given Bond for the due Delivery of their respective Cargoes in some Port or Place belonging to His Majesty & in Possession of his Subjects I have already informed your Ldps that an Act of Assembly has been made with us to pre-