

widdie & myself to meet him here the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. but by what I Letter Bk. III  
can find I shall not have the pleasure of seeing His Ldp nor  
be at Liberty to return home for some time. At present His  
Ldp is endeavouring to persuade the Eastern Gov<sup>ts</sup> to take  
such Measures & grant such Supplies as may enable him to  
act offensively next Summer & I presume he will desire us to  
press our respective Assemblies to follow their Example, but I  
hope the Execution of His Ldp's Plan is not to depend on the  
Resolutions of any American Assemblies, if it must I shall be  
much afraid for the Event few of our People seem to be suf-  
ficiently sensible of all the Dangers that threaten them & fewer  
disposed to contribute generously to remove those that they  
cannot help perceiving. Some Men have indeed been sup-  
ported by each of the Colonies for the immediate Protection of  
their own Frontiers but as these cannot be kept on foot with-  
out Expencc they have talked in Virginia & in this Province  
more particularly of disbanding them however I cannot  
beleive that the Assemblies will be extravagant enough to take  
so extraordinary a measure. I shall Address a Letter to  
Brother William after I have seen Lord Loudoun & before I  
leave Phila<sup>a</sup> I may then perhaps have something worthy  
Notice to communicate, at present I have Nothing but I am

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[Loudoun to Sharpe.]

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New York Feberuary 28<sup>th</sup> 1757—

Sir

I had yesterday the Pleasure of yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> with an  
Account of your Assembly's being to meet March 17<sup>th</sup> Affairs  
stand thus, from the Ice in the River and the Floods, Major  
General Abercromby, was not able to get here till last night,  
and we are now beginning to Sett every thing Necessary for  
the operations of this Campaign in motion, which with the  
dispatching the Packet, ready to sail, will take all this Week,  
and I shall sett out on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> or Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> to  
Attend you, & I think our Business my be finish'd at Phila-  
delphia by the 20<sup>th</sup> from where you will be able to Iudge what  
time it will be Necessary for you to Ajourne your Assembly to.

I am Extremely sorry to have been obliged to detain you so  
long but the Arrival of Letters from the Government at Home,  
and the Impractability of the Roads in some Parts of the  
Country have been the sole Cause of it.

I ever am with great Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Loudoun.

To Governor Sharp.