

to write you a long Letter I take the Liberty to send you a Copy of one that I inclose to His Lordship whence you will learn what Steps are taking here & what His Ldp has given us in Charge. I shall set off for Annapolis to Morrow that I may be able to get thither by the Day that I have appointed to meet the Assembly. I do not know when His Ldp will order the Embargo to be taken off but as soon as any Vessels shall be permitted to sail I shall take Care to advise you of my Success with the Assembly & of every other Occurrence worthy your Notice—

Letter Bk. I.

[Sharpe to Wm. Sharpe.]

Letter Bk. III

Phil<sup>a</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> March 1757—D<sup>r</sup> Br

As I shall not probably have any other opportunity of transmitting Letters to England for some time by reason of an Embargo which the Earl of Loudoun has ordered to be laid in the several Colonies I write now by the Packett to acquaint you that in Obedience to a Letter which I received from His Ldp I came hither with Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie the 16<sup>th</sup> of last Month expecting to have the Satisfaction of seeing His Ldp according to Appointment the Day after. I presume that when His Ldp writ to us he hoped the New England People would have been as ready to enter on & dispatch Business as he could be but as that was by no means the Case he was not able to reach this Place before the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. since which time he has communicated to Us the Plan of Operations that he proposes to persue this Summer & given Gov<sup>r</sup> Dobbs M<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie Gov<sup>r</sup> Denny & Myself to understand what Assistance he expects from the several Provinces with the Gover<sup>t</sup> of which we are respectively entrusted. The Number of Men that We have agreed the several Southern Colonies ought to raise & support this Summer & that His Ldp thereupon requires of them is from Pens<sup>a</sup> 1400. Maryland 500. Virg<sup>a</sup> 1000 N<sup>o</sup> Carolina 400 to be disposed of in the following manner. 1200 of the Pens<sup>a</sup> Troops on the Frontiers of this Province & the other 200 to be sent to S<sup>o</sup> Carolina. 300 of the Maryland Forces at Fort Cumberland & the other 200 at Fort Frederick & between the two Forts. Of the Virginians 600 on the Frontiers of that Province & 400 to be sent to S<sup>o</sup> Carolina, of the Men to be raised in N Carolina 100 are to be posted on the Western Frontiers of that Province 100 on the Sea Coast & 200 sent to S<sup>o</sup> Carolina, beside the Provincials abovementioned Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Bouquet will be ordered to So Carolina with five Companies of the first Battalion of Royal Americans as there is great reason to fear that the French will make an Attempt on that