

On closing this Letter I have received y<sup>rs</sup> of the 24<sup>th</sup> of March with your Packet from Philadelphia, The steps you Advise Lord Loudoun has taken & Plan'd for the Deffence of the Colonies is so Judicious & well-concerted towards the security & for the Preservation of the Southern Provinces, that it can't be suppos'd that the maintenance of such reasonable & beneficial requisits can meet with objection or refusal from each Province towards furnishing their quotas. As to the question bet<sup>n</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Denny & the Assembly, whether the Proprietaries Mess<sup>rs</sup> Penns Quit rents & unimproved Lands should be subject to a Tax? 'Tis apprehended here the sending Messengers for a Solution to England is rediculous, to imagine that Lands shall be subject to a Tax in a double capacity. The Tennants of Quit rent do pay Tax, exclusive of the small rent payable by the Tennant to the Lord, therefore 'tis Iudg'd the Imposition will be rejected here, as ag<sup>t</sup> the Right of the Crown Lord Paramount & Lord Mesne. With regard to the latter dem<sup>d</sup> the Injustice is so glaring as determines Conviction on itself.

Not any thing as yet has been carried into execution bet. Lord Baltimore & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Penns with respect to Boundaries, the matter is under reference with the Lawyers on both sides, Their doubts have no resolves. I am of Opinion the Prayer of M<sup>r</sup> Stuarts Memorial will be rejected. I am Informed M<sup>rs</sup> Young is dead, wife of M<sup>r</sup> Young whom My Lord directed to be of the Council of State, she dying without Issue by him & your Policy pointing otherways than him in that Station it will be Acceptable I think to his Lord<sup>p</sup> if you fill up that Vacancy with M<sup>r</sup> Bordley Attor<sup>y</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> if you Approve. As to M<sup>r</sup> Young he aught to enjoy his Emoluments of Office & better if he merits. My Lord Insists on M<sup>r</sup> Wogan's affair. I have Rece<sup>d</sup> this year no Remittances. I've deliv<sup>d</sup> y<sup>r</sup> several Inclosed L<sup>rs</sup>

To his Excell<sup>y</sup> Horatio Sharpe L<sup>t</sup> Governor of Maryland.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Loudoun.]

Baltimore 16<sup>th</sup> April 1757—

My Ld

I now take the Liberty to introduce to your Lordship M<sup>r</sup> Woolford & M<sup>r</sup> Nicholson the two Gent<sup>n</sup> who have been some time employed recruiting here for the Royal American Regiment & have an Ambition of serving under your Ldp the ensuing Campaign. Immediately on my Return to Annapolis I ordered Capt Dagworthy to march with 150 Men to Fort Cumberland as soon as Col<sup>o</sup> Washington should deliver my Letter which I desired him to do upon his receiving In-