

structions from Gover^r Dinwiddie to draw the Virg^a Troops Letter Bk. III
from that place, & as Gov^r Dinwiddie has since informed
me that he has sent M^r Washington such orders I suppose
the Maryland Forces are e'er this in possession of the Fort.
I have ordered the Sheriff in whose Custody Corporal W^m
Douglass of the second Battalion was to set him at Liberty
& become Bail for him agreeable to Your Ldp's Intention, &
whenever the Affair shall be brought to an Issue before the
Court I shall give the Attorney Gen^l Directions to appear in
the Corporal's Behalf. I could not get our Assembly to meet
till the 8th Inst. They have been prevailed on to vote 500
Men for the Defence of this Province & to act in Conjunction
with any other Troops that your Ldp shall order, but as they
are exceedingly tedious in doing Business I am afraid 'twill be
some time before I shall be impowered by an Act of Assembly
to order the Additional Companies to be raised, I once more
beg Leave to wish your Ldp Success in your Undertakings &
am &c—

[Sharpe to Stanwix.]

Baltimore 18th April 1757.

D^r S^r

Having an opportunity of sending a Letter to Phil^a by a
Young Gentⁿ whom I have employed some time to recruit for
the Royal Americans & who is now going to offer his Service
to the Earl of Loudoun, I embrace it to inform you that in
pursuance of Orders which I sent to Capt Dagworthy the 30th
of last Month he is marched with a Detachment of 150 men to
take Possession of Fort Cumberland upon the Virginians
relinquishing that place the Rest of our Provincials (who
together amount at this time to 250 effective Men) remain at
Fort Frederick under the Command of Capt Alex^r Beall who
as well as Capt Dagworthy has my Instructions to make
Returns to you & to obey all orders that you may be pleased
to send them. I hope I shall prevail on our Assembly to
enable me to augment our Troops to 500 Men, they have
passed a Vote to that Effect but as they are generally very
tedious in doing Business & as I understand that they are at
present inclined to assume a little more power with regard to
the Appointment of Officers than I can allow them I am afraid
the Augmentation will not be made so soon as it might be &
as I could wish. I beg you'll present my Compl^{ts} to Col^o Young
if he is with you & that you'll beleive me to be with the great-
est Regard &c.