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[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

New York May 6<sup>th</sup> 1757

Dear Sir

My being in the Country for 3 weeks has so much recovered me that I have been able to return to this place to see how things are going on, and I propose staying untill His L<sup>o</sup>p sails which I hope will be in ten Days at furthest. Our affairs are now carried on with Spirit.

As I shall return to Brunswick I shall be left alone, I must therefore entreat you to write to me by every opportunity, and as I must be informed very minutely of every thing that happens I shall communicate it to you.

I am with the utmost Regard

Dear Sir

Your most obedient and most  
humble Servant  
John S<sup>t</sup> Clair

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Stanwix.]

8<sup>th</sup> of May, 1757

Sir

I am very sorry to inform you that I cannot prevail with the Assembly of this Province to engage to support Fort Cumberland but that on the Contrary they have come to a Resolution to pay no Captains or Companies that shall be posted there. By the Bill which they have been framing & which now lies before me for my Assent I can order Detachments from our several Companies thither under the Command of Subaltern Officers to be releived from Fort Frederick every Month but they will not suffer one of our Officers to have the Chief Command nor our Troops to be posted there as a Garrison, apprehending I presume that by agreeing at this time to raise & support Soldiers for the Defence of that place they should take a Burthen on themselves which they will be unable afterwards to get quit of & fearing also lest by an Officer of ours having the Command of the Fort the Expence of furnishing all the Indians that may declare in our favour & come thither with Provisions & other Necessaries should fall on this Province. I say it might be presumed that such Considerations as these have determind them to take such a Resolution but whatever their Reasons are I find they will not recede & therefore I should be much obliged to you for ordering any Officer who will command our Subalterns to releive Dagworthy that himself & his Company may again be entituled to their Pay &