

Mortification to find that no Arguments which I could use Letter Bk.III had any weight with them & that they were obstinately bent on having all the Troops in the Pay of this Province withdrawn & it was not till the last Day of the Session which was the 9th Inst that they would agree to issue Pay or Provisions for the Men that had been sent thither under Dagworthy's Command. Finding that all our Troops must be disbanded or some Concessions made I have assented to their Bill upon Condition that as many of the 500 Men as can be spared without leaving the Frontier Inhabitants quite exposed shall be under the Command of Col^o Stanwix to be disposed of as he shall judge proper with this Reserve that no Captains nor whole Companies shall be posted as a fixed Garrison in Fort Cumberland. This I have already sent Col^o Stanwix Advice of & expect in a Day or two to receive his Answer to my Letter. It gives me a good deal of Concern to find myself obliged by a Remonstrance which has been sent me by two of the Circuiting Judges of this province & was presented to them by the Grand Jury of one of our Counties agst the Conduct of Lieutⁿ Sterling & Ensign Calder of His Majesty's 48th & 44th Regiments & the Recruiting parties under their Command to mention those Gentlemen to your Ldp. By the Advice of the Council before whom the Remonstrance & Affidavits concerning the Transactions of this Parties have been laid I send them all inclosed to your Ldp together with Copies of three Bills of Indictment that have been found agst several of the Soldiers one for attacking in a hostile manner the Crew of a Vessel that lay in one of our Rivers & the other for outrageous Assaults on sundry Persons & on the high Sheriff of the County in his own house. While I was at Phila^a a Petition was presented to your Ldp by one M^r Wethered praying an Allowance for a House of his which had been accidentally burnt by some Soldiers who were quartered in this Province I take this opportunity to acquaint your Ldp that agreeable to your Desire I have prevailed with the Assembly of this Province to give him the sum of £300 which is supposed to be the Value of the House & what was destroyed—

[Holderness to Sharpe.]

Original.

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Whitehall May 20. 1757

Sir -

The inclosed Extract of a Letter from Vice Adm^l Townshend to M^r Cleveland, together with the Affidavits thereunto annexed will inform you of the pyratival Behaviour of several Privateers fitted out in North America towards the Spaniards in the