[Sharpe to Secretary of State?] Letter Bk. II. p. 1

August 8th 1754. Annapolis in Maryland

May it please sent open to Ld Baltimore In Obedience to a Letter from the Earl of Holderness dated at Whitehall the 28th of August 1753 which I had the honour to receive, I acquainted the Assembly of this Province who were then sitting with his Majestys Pleasure therein signified who assured me that they had that due Sense of our most gracious Sovereign's paternal Tenderness for & Care of all His Subjects which Duty & Gratitude inspire & that they were sufficiently apprehensive of the great Danger of suffering a foreign power to encroach upon any part of his Majestys Dominions & that they were determined to repel in the best manner they can all hostile Invasions of this province by any forreign power & whenever the Circumstances of our neighbouring Colonies may require or need our Assistance that they shall chearfully contribute as far as they are able towards defending them against the Attacks of their Enemies & as the Lieut^t Governor of Virginia has since that time made Application for our Assistance to protect & defend the Frontiers of that Government against some Regular Forces that are making Encroachments thereon I again summoned our General Assembly & have prevailed with them to grant the Sum of £6000 toward the Support of the Virginians against any Attempts of such Troops as threaten them with Hostilities or dispute his Majestys Right to his Dominions on this Continent, in this I hope I have punctually obeyed the Design of that Letter as I shall always endeavour to & take the greatest pleasure in being able to do p. 2
whenever you may be pleased to signify your farther Commands to &c.

[Sharpe to Commissioners of Trade.]

August 8th [1754] To the Commissioners of Trade

May it please your Honours

In Obedience to a Letter from your Honours to the Lieut^t Governor of Maryland dated at White Hall the 18th of Septr 1753, whereby He was required upon the Receipt thereof to summon the General Assembly of this Province & prevail on them to grant a Sum of Money for a present to the Six Nations of Indians, I immediately met the Assembly thereupon who complyed with your Honours Commands by granting the Sum of £500 for that purpose which I sent as directed by Commissioners to Albany & it was I learn there presented to the Indians who came thither lately to the General Interview held with them by Representatives from several Colonies on the Continent, who attended there in pursuance of your Honours