

selves in readiness to march to Fort Frederick on the first Notice, this Step will perhaps contribute with your Ldp's Letter towards bringing the Assembly to a Right way of thinking at least it will put them in mind that I can provide for the Service which they design to support the 300 Men for without their Assistance or Consent & that their obstinacy will have no other Effect than to make me exert the power with which I am to their great Mortification invested & it will doubtless lead many People to examine into the Conduct of their Representatives which I am sure every reasonable Person must condemn. Indeed the superiour Class of People in every part of the province are already much dissatisfied at the Assembly's proceedings & declare publickly that they should be well pleased if the Legislature of great Britain, would ease the Assembly of the trouble of framing Supply Bills by Compelling us by an Act of Parliament to raise £20,000 annually by a Poll Tax as the Quota of this Province towards carrying on the War. As I find that all our Troops were a few Days since paid to the 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> & that their Cloathing was not dld to them till very lately I beleive there is no probability of their deserting at least on this side Christmas, since Col<sup>o</sup> Stanwix has upon my Application given the Person that has hitherto victualled them orders to continue to supply them with Provisions, I shall agreeable to your Ldp's orders regularly advise Col<sup>o</sup> Stanwix of the Assemblys proceedings & will also communicate to Your Ldp by Express any thing that it might be necessary for your Ldp to be immediately acquainted with. I &c

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Denny.]

27<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1757.

Sir

The Earl of Loudoun having been pleased to intimate to me that he intends to visit Annapolis very shortly & given me room to expect that you will not refuse to accompany him I have thereupon engaged a Gent<sup>ns</sup> House for the Accommodation of His Ldp & his Family that there might be a greater part of my own at the Service of Yourself & M<sup>r</sup> Peters or any other Gent<sup>n</sup> that will become my Guest. I presume you know that His Ldp has been determined to undertake this Journey at least sooner than he otherwise would by the Resolution of the Assembly of this Province to have our Provincial Troops immediatly withdrawn from Fort Cumberland & to reduce them forthwith to 300 Men that number being in their opinion as many as are necessary for the Defence of this Province & the Protection of our Frontier