

Letter Bk. III those that are at present in the hands of our Soldiers—I understand that M^r Ross has lately sent some Provisions to Fort Cumberland by Land but far short of the Quantity that will be necessary for the Troops that may be kept in Garrison there during the winter however as I expect that the Rains have before this time raised the Waters of Potowmack I hope he will be able to get enough conveyed up before our Troops are disbanded. As the Gentlemen of the Lower House have desired me in two Addresses to send a Copy of the Bill which they have framed to the Earl of Loudoun in Confidence as they say that he will not when he sees it disapprove of their Conduct, I beleive I shall not be able to dispatch an Express to His Ldp before Tuesday Morning. I am inclined to think from what you say in Your Letter of the 14th of last Month that you will scarcely send any orders to Fort Cumberland till you shall hear again from His Ldp but whatever you may do with the Troops at that place I am of opinion that the sooner you lay me under a necessity of ordering the Militia to Fort Frederick the better—

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

19th of Dec^r 1757 & transmitted by the packett from N. York.

My Ld

In Compliance with a Request made by the Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly the 15th of this Inst. I inclose Y^r Ldp an address wherein they intreat Your Ldp to present another which they have prepared for His Majesty & also a Representation to the Board of Trade both which I likewise transmit together with a Copy of the Address that they were pleased to present to myself on the occasion as they have themselves enlarged on their motives for taking this Step I shall only add that their Representation is just & that I hear similar ones are already or will be very shortly sent home from all the neighboring Colonies. &c.

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

21st Dec^r 1757 transmitted by Capt Brice.

My Ld

In my Letter dated the 6th of Oct^r last I intimated to your Ldp that I was much afraid the Assembly would be very unwilling to provide for the farther Support of so great a Number of Men as were kept in the pay of this Province during the last Summer & in my Letter to M^r Calvert dated the 9th of Nov^r I gave him the Heads of a Bill which was then