

Letter Bk. III Your Ldp's Demand of Landmen I must take the Liberty also to assure Your Ldp that it is likewise out of my power to supply the Fleet under Your Command, the Assembly having declined empowering me to raise & support the Number that the Earl of Loudoun has required of Us altho His Ldp proposed to employ them in the immediate Defence of this Province—

[Sharpe to Pitt.]

10th of Feb^{ry} 1758—

Sir.

As soon as I had the honour to receive the Earl of Holderness's Letter dated the 20th of May last I sent to Each of the Naval Officers in this Gov^t a Copy of the Additional Instruction which His Majesty was pleased to give the 5th of Oct^r 1756 for preventing more effectually any Depredations being committed by the Masters or Crews of British Privateers on any Spanish Vessels & I directed the Naval Officers to examine the Masters of all Privateers or Vessels having Letters of Marque that should come into their respective Districts & in case any of them should not have received a Copy of that Instruction I desired the Naval Officers to deliver them one & to enjoin the strictest observance of it. I shall however upon the Receipt of your Letter dated the 16th of Sept^r last write again to the Judge of our Court of Vice Admiralty & to the Naval Officers upon this Subject, & if any Person that might be suspected of having committed any such outrages as are mentioned in the paper you were pleased to inclose me shall come into this province I will give orders for his being proceeded agst with the utmost Severity—

[Loudoun to Sharpe.]

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Sir.

As I am directed by his Majesty to apply to the several p. 218 Governments in North America for such Aid and Assistance as are necessary for carrying on the War in this Country which is likewise fully expressed in the several Letters transmitted by his Majestys Secretaries of State, down from Sir Thomas Robinson's Letters to them of the twenty sixth of October 1754. to this Time directing that they should correspond and co-operate with his Majesty's Commander in Chief for the Time being in North America and that they will use their utmost Endeavours to induce their Councils and Assemblies to give the necessary orders for raising their Quotas of