

Letter Bk. III be able to get some Employment at Phil<sup>a</sup> tho he does not understand English. The Gentlemen of our Upper House of Assembly having rejected the Supply Bill which the Lower House had framed & the Latter having thereupon Resolved that they would not enter on any New Business I prorogued them yesterday morning & in the Evening issued orders for two more Companies of Militia to march to the Frontiers & relieve those that are now there, being determined to depend entirely on the Militia for the Security of the Frontiers during the approaching Campaign but what measures the Gentlemen of the Council will now advise me to pursue I know not. All that I can say is that if we will have Supplies granted we must submit to such Terms as the Lower House will be pleased to impose & that it will be much against my Conscience to do so. Should this happen the Governor of Maryland as well as the Upper House will become contemptible & must think of nothing hereafter but how they may yield most decently to every Demand that the Lower House of Assembly shall think proper to make—I should take it as a particular Favour if You will be so kind as to give me a Hint of what is likely to be the Issue of M<sup>r</sup> Franklin's Embassy & to tell me whether you have any prospect of persuading Your Assembly to grant Supplies at this time in Consequence of M<sup>r</sup> Pitt's Letter by such a method & on such Conditions as you can approve of or accept—

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

10<sup>th</sup> of March 1758—

My Ld.

In the Lett<sup>r</sup> which I did myself the honour to address to Your Ldp the 21<sup>st</sup> & in that which I wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert the 26<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> I informed Y<sup>r</sup> Ldp & him that the Assembly had broke up the 16<sup>th</sup> of that month without making the least provision for the Support of any Troops to act in Conjunction with His Majesty's Forces or even to protect our Frontier Inhabitants. Your Lordship hath been also informed that at the Request of the Lower House I sent the Earl of Loudoun a Copy of the Supply Bill which had been framed & an Address that had been presented to me at the Conclusion of the Session relative thereto. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> I met the Assembly again & laid before them the Letter that His Ldp had been pleased to write to me upon Receiving the abovementioned Bill, The Lower House soon afterwards passed a Vote for supporting 400 men instead of the 500 which were settled last Spring as our reasonable Quota, but not more than a Day or two had elapsed before