

Letter Bk. I. any Rate rather than the next should prove an inactive Campaign—I learn from Pensilvania that the Inhabitants of that Province & those of the City of Phil^a in particular continue still in the utmost Confusion on Account of the Assembly's having committed One M^r More a Magistrate & M^r Smith Provost of their College to the Common Jail for a supposed Breach of Priviledge. What will be the Event or when they will be released no Body pretends to say, but this is certain that if the Assembly's Conduct on this Occasion is not censured all the Magistrates will from this time be apt to look upon themselves as dependant on that Branch of the Legislature & to make the sense of that House the sole Rule of their Conduct. About 300 of the Men that were raised here last Summer continue at Fort Cumberland tho they have not received any Pay since the 8th of October & there are a few still at Fort Frederick, but as it cannot be conceived that they will be prevailed on to serve on such Conditions much longer

p. 332 I shall write to Col^o Stanwix & press him to send a Company or two of Regular Troops to Fort Cumberland as soon as possible unless he can give those that are there some assurance of being paid.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

10th of March 1758 transmitted by Capt. in the
Cunliff.

Sir

In my Letter dated the 26th of Decem^r I advised you of the Assemblys having broke up the 16th of that month without making any Provision for the Support of the Troops that had been raised here the preceeding Summer for His Majestys Service & the more immediate Defence & Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants. I am now to inform you that we have had another Session since that time w^{ch} ended Yesterday after the same manner. They were to have met the 6th of Feb^v but a sufficient Number of Members to make a House could not be got together before the 13th. On that Day I laid before them a Letter which I had received from the Earl of Loudoun in Answer to one that I had sent him with a Copy of the Supply Bill which the Lower House desired me to transmit to His Ldp in Confidence that he would be thereby induced to entertain a favourable opinion of their Conduct. After they had perused this Letter a Vote was passed for supporting 400 Men instead of 500 which you may remember was the Number settled last Spring as the reasonable Quota of this Province but the next Day this Vote was reassumed & then they resolved that 300 Men were as many as this Prov-