

Letter Bk. I. neighbouring Colonies I dont know but I am afraid they will be considered here in the light of Instructions to the Governours to procure Supplies at any Rate & that our Assembly will upon this Supposition become more unreasonable in their Demands. You will learn from the inclosed Gazettes what lengths the Assembly of Pensilvania has lately gone both M^r More & M^r Smith are in Prison still & by what I can find are to remain there untill His Majesty shall be pleased to send an Order for their being released. Should this Transaction pass unnoticed or be in the least Degree countenanced you may depend upon it that from this time forward the Sense of our Assemblies will be regarded as Law by every Magistrate & that no sort of Respect will be hereafter paid to any other

P. 335 Branch of our Legislature. I shall send you by this Opportunity a Triplicate of my last Letter together with another Copy of the Supply Bill that was rejected & a Copy of the Upper House Journal for the Sept^r Session; Also Copies of the Laws that I assented to the 16th of Decem^r All which except the 1st 13th 14th & 17th being no more than Reviving or Continuing Acts I need not say any thing about them, & the Rest are too simple to afford any Room for Remarks especially as the Reasons for making them are given in their respective Preambles. Fort Cumberland is as yet garrisoned by some of the Troops that were raised for the more immediate Defence of this Province; they had some Reason to hope that the Earl of Loudoun would have given orders for their being paid from the 8th of Oct^r last out of the Contingent Fund as the Assembly would not make any Provision for their Support; but I am afraid they will now be disappointed in such their Expectations. I cannot send by this opportunity the Report of our several County Courts relative to the Behaviour of the Roman Catholicks because they have not all answered my last Letter but I expect it will be in my power about the End of this Month to send you such a Report from the Magistrates of the several Counties in favour of those people as must convince you that the Rumours you mentioned were entirely groundless.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Stanwix.]

March the 12th 1758.D^r S^r

I am now to inform you that our Session of Assembly has ended just as I expected it would when I wrote to you the 4th Inst. The Gentⁿ of the Upper House having refused to assent to the Bill that was offered by the Lower & that differed very little from their last, The Lower House thereupon came to a