

And as by my Letter of the 15th Instant, I have applied to you, pursuant to His Majesty's Commands, to lay an Embargo on all Vessels within the Ports of your Government, which may possibly prevent them from coming to New-York with Provisions for the Army under my Command, I must desire, (in Order that the Difficulties your Trade is laid under, by the Embargo, may be the sooner removed,) that you will give Permission to such Vessels to come hither; And that there may be no Room for Fraud or Deceit, I wou'd desire that the Masters may be obliged to enter into bond, with Sufficient Surities, in such a Sum as you shall think proper, that they shall land the Provisions in this Port, and return a Certificate, within a Reasonable Time, of their having so done.

I am, with great Regard,
Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
James Abercromby

His Excellency Gov^r Sharpe.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Stanwix.]

23^d of March 1758.

D^r S^r

Colonel Haldiman being with me when I received your Letter of the 20th Inst. I immediately communicated to him the Contents of it & have prevailed on him to leave Capt Græme here with one Company of the 2^d Battalion with orders to proceed to Fort Cumberland if the Garrison that is at present there should be so much reduced by Desertion as to make it expedient for him to do so before General Forbes can order some other Troops to march & take Possession of that Place. I wrote to General Abercromby two Days ago & told him how matters were circumstanced. I likewise sent him a Copy of the Letter which the Earl of Loudoun was pleased to write to me the 2^d of January last in hopes that His Excellency will be induced to fulfil His Lordship's Engagements with regard to the Pay that has become due to our Forces since the 8th of Oct^r & by doing so enable me to keep them up till the End of the next Campaign. Should the General think fit to approve of the Proposal & to return a speedy answer to my Letter All the Difficulties that surround us at present will be at once removed & Capt Græme will instantly embark with his Company & proceed to Phila^a as you know how our Assembly have behaved since you have had the Chief Command in those Parts & are acquainted with all that passed between the Earl of Loudoun & me during that time you will be able