

to give General Abercromby a more particular Account of every thing than it is possible for me to do by Letter & I doubt not but he will be very glad of your Advice on the occasion. I could wish that since there is little Prospect of our Assembly's doing any thing at present His Excellency would agree to advance four or five Thousand Pounds Sterling on the Credit of the Province to be repaid when the Assembly shall in Consequence of more peremptory orders from home be prevailed on to grant a Sum of Money for His Majesty's Service (if that time shall ever come) that the Arrears of Pay which are now due to our Troops might be discharged & they be thereby encouraged to continue in the Service to the End of the next Campaign but I leave it to you to make such a Proposal to the General or not as you shall think proper.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Letter Bk. I.
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My Lord I doubt not but Your Ldp is surprized at my delaying so Long to render an Account of the Duty of one Shilling p Hhd that was collected by the several Naval Officers between the 29th of Sept^r 1756 & the 29th of Sept^r 1757 but I flatter myself Your Ldp will excuse it when You are informed that Col^o Lloyd has not even at this time come to a Settlement with me, however I embrace an opportunity that offers to remit Your Lordship Bills to the Amount of the sum that will on a Settlement appear due to you as Your Ldp will perceive by the Account which is therewith inclosed. The Reason that a Ballance is due to me of my first Years Sallary is this, Between the 10th of Augst when I arrived in the Province) & the 10th of Oct^r following when M^r Tasker resigned the Agency to Col^o Lloyd I had received of M^r Tasker £177. 10. 0. but M^r Tasker charged your Ldp with no more than £166. 13: 4 as will appear by his Account, the surplus of £10: 17: 8 M^r Tasker made me Debtor for & I afterwards repaid it. However when Col^o Lloyd setled with me to the 10th of Augst 1754 he gave me Credit for no more of my Years Sallary than £822: 9. as appears from the following Article in his Acco^t with me viz^t By the R^t Hon^{ble} Ld Baltimores Order to pay you £1000 p Ann of which you received of Benj^a Tasker £177. 11. 0 then Agent before the Agents Books were assigned me, the Ballance therefore to be paid you by me is £822: 9 When I discovered the mistake I desired Colo Lloyd to rectify it in the next years Acco^t but he declined it saying that the Error was M^r Tasker's & therefore not to be corrected by him thus the Affair has rested,

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