

Letter Bk. I. as I was unwilling to make Complaints or to trouble Your Ldp about such an Affair but having now an opportunity I have taken the Liberty to charge your Ldp with that Sum w^{ch} I flatter myself Your Ldp will approve of, Col^o Lloyd not having been over here since he made up his last Years Account with the Naval Officers he has not yet accounted with
 p. 337 me for the whole Duty of one Shilling p Hhd that was collected last year but when he does come over which he will perhaps during the Provincial Court I will get an Account signed by him & will remit the same to Your Ldp by the first opportunity that offers. I am wth the greatest Respect My Ld Y^r Ldp's most obliged & most obed^t Serv^t

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Forbes.]

27th of March 1758.

Sir

I embrace an Opportunity that offers to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter dated the 21st of this Month & to assure you that as soon as a sufficient Number of the Members of our Assembly can be got together I shall communicate to them the Contents of M^r Pitt's Letter & use my utmost Endeavours to persuade them to raise as large a Number of Men as possible for the Service of the ensuing Campaign but at the same time I think it my Duty to inform you that the late Proceedings of our Assembly have been such as afford me too much room to fear that my Endeavours will be ineffectual I inclose you a Return of the Troops that are or were lately employed in the Service of this Province, about 350 of them including officers are I believe good Men & very proper for Rangers but as it is already more than 5 Months since they received any Pay I am afraid they will think of disbanding themselves before the Campaign opens. I wrote to General Abercromby a few Days ago on this Head & took the Liberty to inclose him a Copy of a Letter that the Earl of Loudoun was pleased to send me when our Assembly came to a Resolution last Winter that they would no longer provide for the Support of any Men that should from that time be kept as a Garrison in Fort Cumberland by this Letter His Ldp gave me Leave to assure the officers & men that in Case the Assembly should decline it he would engage to see them paid as long as they should continue in the Service & on this Footing have our Troops been kept up ever since that time. Should General Abercromby be inclined to fulfil the Earl of Loudoun's Engagement I flatter myself you will find them of considerable Service but if His Excellency disapproves of the Proposition I have made him He will I doubt not have advised