

you before this time to order some other Forces to Fort Cumberland lest upon our Assembly's breaking up without doing any thing (which is far from being improbable) our Men should go off & the Fort be thereby left without a Garrison. I will give orders for clearing & repairing the Road between Pens^a & Williams's Ferry according to Your Desire, & I will immeately write to Col^o Tho^s Prather an Officer of our Militia that lives near the mouth of Conegocheague & desire him to contract for a quantity of Forage to be delivered at that place upon the first Notice, from his Behaviour on other occasions I am persuaded he will execute the Commission as far as shall be in his power but as there are many People in that neighbourhood who have not been yet satisfied for Services they did when General Braddock marched that Way I am afraid nothing can be done unless some Person be on the Spot, with a Sum of Money sufficient to pay for every thing as soon as it shall be delivered. Since S^r Iⁿ S^t Clair was at Annapolis some of those Cherokees with an Officer & a few of our Men have been to Fort Du Quesne, three of the Indians lay in Sight of it some Days in hopes of being able to bring off a Prisoner but they were not so lucky as to succeed in the Attempt, the Chief Warriour & Eight others of them are now here, when they are disposed to return to Fort Frederick which they will be I presume in a few Days I shall give them a small Present by way of Encouragement & order one of our Lieutenants whom they are very fond of & who usually accompanies them to carry them out again to the Ohio & endeavour to make Discoveries, I will also write to Capt Dagworthy who commands at Fort Cumberland & recommend it to him to send out such Persons as are best acquainted with the Country & can be relied on. It will be impossible for me to wait on you at Phila^a but I hope to have an opportunity of paying my Respects to you in Person before you leave this Province & of assuring you that none can be more desirous of serving you or more sincere in their Wishes for your Success—

[Sharpe to St. Clair.]

27th March 1758—

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I neither converse with nor hear of any Persons that entertain different Sentiments from your own with regard to the late Sudden & surprizing Revolution, those that are least concerned thereat say tis highly proper the Customs & People of America should be better known in England than they are at present & that no one can communicate such knowledge to