

Sir John St Clair who left this two days ago, will soon be up in those parts, & has money to Satisfye & pay for what will be Necessary.

I should be glad that any of the Scouting partys were so lucky as to bring a Prisoner from Fort Duquesne, as by that means something might be Learned, & hope the Encouragement you give the Cherokees will keep them alert, & make them Exert themselves in this Service.

As soon as the Troops Destined for the Service in the West Arrives at Philadelphia, I have General Abercromby's orders to send proper Detachments up to Fort Cumberland. I hope soon to set out to Philadelphia, & shall be very happy in paying my Respects to you in Maryland, being with great Regard,

New York Aprile 4th 1758.

Sir, Y^r most Hum^{ble} and
most Ob^t Serv^t
Jo: fforbes

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Forbes.]

6th of April 1758.

Sir

The Letter that I did myself the honour to write to you the 27th of March contained a brief Account of what had passed between the Earl of Loudoun & me with regard to the Troops that are at present on the Frontiers of this Province, as I had wrote more fully to General Abercromby concerning them & was then in hopes that His Excellency would approve of the Proposition which the Earl of Loudoun had made to me I flattered myself he would engage to fulfill His Ldp's Engagement but by a Letter which I have just received from General Abercromby dated the 29th of March I am referred to you for an answer & desired to correspond with you alone on every matter relative to His Majesty's Service & the Security of this Province, this being the Case I take the Liberty to inclose you a Copy of a Letter that I wrote to General Abercromby soon after I was advised of his being appointed to the Chief Command in America together with a Copy of a Letter which the Earl of Loudoun was pleased to send to me some time ago & which induced me to encourage our officers & men to continue at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick till this time; As they begin to be very uneasy & have within a few Weeks made several Applications to me for the pay that is now due to them & as the Officers assure me that they have been already obliged to advance the men considerable sums to supply themselves with common Necessaries you will I am persuaded excuse my Importunity in begging you to favour