

I cou'd not send it directly to him because you did not tell me where he lives, but I have wrote to him by an Express I sent to Winchester yesterday.

I beg you will send Orders to your Troops to obey any directions they may receive from me; and please to let me have a Copy of the last returns you got, with the places they are quartered at. This Letter will be dropt at Annapolis by an Express that goes to Williamsbourg; I beg you will answer it to this place, which will serve for Gen: Forbes and send me a duplicate of it to Conogogue.

I expect Gen: Forbes here in 4 or 5 days, and when he has been here a few days, I shall set off for the upper part of the Country. The Assembly of this Province have voted men (2700) but have done nothing more, it is said they will pass their money Bill this day, but I do not beleive it. I make no doubt but your province will wait for the Result of this Assembly before they do any thing; If you are to raise any men at all, I am directed to desire you will form some Companys of Rangers, 4 or 5. will be of great Service.

I dread M^r Denny's procedure as to Indian affairs, will give great Offence to Gen. Abercrombie, it is no business of mine to blow the coal between them; You'll scarce beleive me when I tell You, that on the arrival of the Cherokees, at Winchester, to the number of 400 M^r Denny wrote to the Commanding Officer at that Place, to make a proposal of Peace between them and the Ohio Indians, but Captain Bullet wisely rejected this Order.

I am
Dear Sir,
Your most Obedient &
most Hum: Serv^t
John S^t Clair

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

10th April transmitted by Capt. in the Cunliff
Sir

Since I wrote to you the 10th of March I have received His Ldp's Instructions & your Letter of the 23^d of Oct^r also Your several Letters dated the 18th & 22^d of Nov^r 1757 & the 12th of Ian^y 1758. Soon after I transmitted that Petition of the Virg^a Iron Masters a Letter which M^r Bordley sent them brought them to Annapolis & after a good Deal of Conversation we came to an Agreement which both the Naval Officer & myself thought very reasonable viz^t the Gentⁿ are to employ but a certain Number of Vessels which have been measured & we allow they will make a certain number of Trips in