

House have voted £45,000 for His Majesty's Service, but as they are determined to adhere to the Plan of the Old Bill I expect that this Session will end as did the two last, & I doubt not but they will always insist on the same Bill as often as they may be called on to grant any Supplies for carrying on the War. I understand that the Pens^a Assembly will not grant any Money unless the Governor will consent to the Proprietaries whole Estate being taxed after the same manner that the Peoples Estates are and I find it is generally believed that the Assembly of that Province will break up also without doing any thing for His Majestys Service. You will learn from the inclosed List what Regiments & Battalions of Regular Troops are at this time in America & how they are to be employed during the approaching Summer. Those that are designed against Louisburg are now embarking at Boston New York & Phil^a & they that are to act under the immediate Command of General Abercromby are also in Motion. We hear that the Northern Colonies are all raising their Quotas of Men for an Irruption into Canada but many People are of Opinion that the Enemy will be well prepared to receive them. Brigadier Forbes is expected soon at Phila^a to take Command of the Forces that are to carry on the Expedition against Fort Du Quesne but neither Col^o Montgomery Col^o Bouquet nor any of their Men are yet arrived from Carolina however it is with pleasure I can inform you that there are several hundred Cherokee Indians at Fort Cumberland, Fort Frederick & in Virginia ready to join Brigadier Forbes whenever he shall move so that whether these Provinces strengthen his hands or not He will I hope be able to proceed & by making a successful Campaign to restore Peace once more to these Southern Colonies.—

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[Sharpe to Forbes.]

Letter Bk. III

27th of April 1758.

Sir

I should have delayed to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 4th Inst. till I should be able to advise you of the final Resolution of our Assembly had I not been importuned by the Gentleman who delivered me the inclosed Petition to represent to you the hardship that he & many other Gentⁿ of this Province must suffer in Case their Vessels are detained here after the Ship of War which is appointed to convoy the Trade of Maryland & Virg^a to Europe sails & it is positively asserted that She will put to Sea the Beginning of next month whether the Embargo is taken off by that time or not. I would not have troubled you on this occasion if the Advan-