

I must beg (if it any way suits your Conveniency) that you will be likewise, as by such a meeting numberless Difficultys may Easily be Removed.

I am, with the greatest Sincerity

Sir,

Your most obedient and
most Humb^{le} Serv^t

Jo: fforbes

The Hon^{ble} Horatio Sharpe Esq^r &c.

[Forbes to Sharpe.]

Original.

Philadelphia May 2^d 1758

Sir

I have the Honour of yours of the 27th of April yesterday morning, but as I could not by any means interfere with the Embargo: I sent your Letter with the Memorial to General Abercromby by an Express, and make no doubt, but by the Return of the Express I shall have the pleasure to acquaint you, of the Embargo being taken off; as I hear that all our Troops and Transports are sailed from New York.

I am extremely sorry that the animositys betwixt your upper and lower House shou'd prove of so fatal a consequence, as to obstruct the Kings measures at this so critical a time for the whole Continent of North America. Can the Gentlemen that compose these Houses, imagine that His Majesty and the whole people of Great Britain will be blind to their Behaviour upon this so urgent and pressing an occasion. And can they imagine that a great nation drained to the last in the protection and Defence of those Provinces and Collonys will forgive and forgett the being abandoned by any of them, in this critical time of publick Calamity and distress: If every individual was honestly to examine his own Heart, I am perswaded he wou'd be stung with a just and laudable Spirit of resentment, at the proceedings of the collected Representatives of the People of Maryland. For my own part I shall be very much diffculted, how I ought to behave my self, if the Province of Maryland does not (in consequence of His Majestys Pleasure communicated to them in the strongest manner by M^r Pitt His Majestys Principal Secretary of State) come to a speedy determination, as one days delay is of infinite consequence. I shall be sorry to let it enter my thoughts, that they are not, to act as good and Loyall Subjects ought to do, because it wou'd grieve me much to think we had ever cherished and protected concealed Ennemys, infinitely more dangerous than the most open and declared ones.

I must beg you will let me know, as soon as possible the