

Letter Bk. III worth upwards of £50 to him. The Officers that I have appointed to raise the Additional Companies recruit with so good Success that I flatter myself our Forces will be augmented to 400 very shortly. I hear that S<sup>r</sup> I S<sup>r</sup> Clair is so much recovered as to be able to go on the Expedition, & that His Ldp was to sail from N York last Sunday the Troops being all embarked two Days before. &c.

[Sharpe to Loudoun.]

4<sup>th</sup> of Iune 1757.

My Ld

In my Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May I just acknowledged the Receipt of one from Your Ldp dated the 30<sup>th</sup> of April whereby you was pleased to inform me that upon its being represented to you that there were when the Embargo was laid a Number of Vessels in the several Provinces that were actually loaded & cleared You had as the Transports were in great forwardness consented to such Vessels being permitted to sail on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of last month. In answer to this part of Y<sup>r</sup> Ldp's Lett<sup>r</sup> I beg leave to acquaint you that altho there were many Vessels in the ports of this Province that were actually loaded & several others that had taken in the greatest part of their Cargoes when the Embargo was laid yet none of their owners could receive any Benefit from that Order of Y<sup>r</sup> Ldp as they had not actually cleared before I received Your Ldp's orders for laying an Embargo. As soon as the Merchants who were interested in these Vessels were advised by their Correspondents of the Liberty that had been given by Your Ldp they applied to me severally & in a Body representing the hardships that they laboured under from its not being the Custom in this Province for any Vessels to be cleared till they are just about to weigh Anchor which Rule I am informed is not strictly observed in some of the other Colonies where the Produce exported does not come under the Denomination of Enumerated Commodities as Tobacco the Staple of this Colony does. Tho I could not help thinking that if the Case of the Merchants who made Application to me on this occasion had been represented to Your Ldp before you issued the Orders that were contained in Your Letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April You would have included them therein yet as they were not exactly circumstanced as the owners of the Ships that had been permitted to sail from N York & Phila<sup>a</sup> were I put the Gentlemen off by assuring them that I was not at Liberty to comply with their Request but that as the Transports were in great forwardness I expected to receive Instructions from Your Ldp to take off the Embargo entirely before the End of