

His Ldp or Yourself. You may remember what I wrote you Letter Bk. I.  
 the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1755 with regard to this Matter but I have  
 spoke to M<sup>r</sup> Tasker again & desired him to send you all such  
 Papers as may serve to shew how that part of M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hide's  
 Estate which was sold to satisfy the Lord Proprietarys Debt  
 was disposed of. One of the inclosed Bills of Excha is in  
 Return for that of Magruder's which was protested. the small  
 one is also for Your Use. I shall take an early opportunity to  
 write to you again after my arrival at Fort Frederick for  
 which Place I propose to set off the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst. in order to agree p. 347  
 with S<sup>r</sup> I S<sup>r</sup> Clair about the Disposal of the Soldiers that are  
 at present in Garrison at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick.  
 I have reason to believe that Brigadier Forbes has impowered  
 S<sup>r</sup> John to pay off the Arrears that are due to them, & to take  
 them into His Majestys Service as Rangers during the Expe-  
 dition rather than that they should be disbanded just at the  
 opening of the Campaign, but if we find that the Virginians  
 cannot possibly compleat their Numbers we may probably  
 turn as many of the Men as are willing over to the Virginians  
 who give by way of Bounty Money to every Recruit more  
 than the Arrears of Pay that are due to any of our Soldiers  
 amount to, but of this I shall be able to send you better  
 Advice in about a Fortnight.

[Sharpe to Forbes.]

Letter Bk. III

14<sup>th</sup> of May 1758.

Sir

It was not till yesterday Morning that I gave over all hopes  
 of obtaining some Supplies from our Assembly for the Sup-  
 port of a Number of Men to act under your Command during  
 the ensuing Campaign, but the Resolutions which they then  
 came to left me not the least Room to hope that the two  
 Houses would come to any Agreement afterwards & I found  
 myself obliged by the Importunity of the Gentlemen of the  
 Lower House to put an End to the Session the same Day.  
 They had sent me a Message two Days before acquainting  
 me that no Business was before them & desiring to be pro-  
 rogued, but as I could not think of complying with their Re-  
 quest before every means had been tried to bring the two  
 Houses to some Agreement I gave them such an Answer as  
 prevailed on them to confer together being in hopes that the  
 Passage of some Bill or other might be brought about by a  
 Conference altho they could not convince each other of the  
 Reasonableness of the Objections or Propositions they respec-  
 tively made by Messages. On Friday last the Conferees  
 met but as the Gentlemen of the Lower House had instructed