

Letter Bk. III theirs to adhere to the several Points which they had before insisted on & not to hear any Propositions that should be made for waving them the Conference was attended with no good Effects & on Saturday they pressed me a second time as I have already hinted to put an End to the Session. It would be unnecessary to trouble you with the particulars of the Dispute between the two Houses especially as I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you very shortly, All therefore that I shall say at present is that I shall agreeable to your Desire set off for the Frontiers the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst in Expectation of Meeting S<sup>r</sup> I S<sup>t</sup> Clair there & I propose to order two or three Companies of Militia to march & serve on the Frontiers of this Province under my Command during the Summer or as long as the situation of Affairs shall make such a measure necessary.

P. S. inclosed is the last Letter that I received from the Commanding Officer at Fort Cumberland.

[Sharpe to Blair.]

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

Sir

Colo. Braxton having intimated to me that he is just about to return to Virg<sup>a</sup> I embrace the Opportunity to acknowledge the Receipt of the two Letters you were pleased to favour me with the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of March last as well as of that which the Colo presented to me.

Our Assembly broke up yesterday without granting any Supplies for the Support of a Number of Troops to act in Conjunction with those under the immediate Command of Brigadier Forbes or even for the Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants while the Expedition is depending. We have at this time upwards of 300 Men in Garrison at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick who have served ever since the 8<sup>th</sup> of Octob<sup>r</sup> last without Pay in Expectation that the Assembly would have now granted a Sum of Money to discharge the Arrears that might be due & to keep them up at least untill the End of the Campaign. As I presume the General would be very unwilling to see those Men who have now served a considerable time disbanded just as he is about to march I shall encourage them to keep together till he & I meet on the Frontiers, unless I find on my Arrival at Fort Frederick where I hope to be the 22<sup>d</sup> or 23<sup>d</sup> Inst that your Regiments are not likely to be compleated in that Case I shall write to the Commanding Officer at Winchester & make him an offer of such of our Soldiers as are enlisted generally for His Majesty's Service, upon his paying them & the Persons to whom they