

Letter Bk. III the best Return that I could make at that time or that I can send you at present but it is not improbable that some of them have since left the Service.

The Pipe of Madeira Wine that you gave me an order for is now in my Cellar as soon as it is fine it shall be drawn off & I shall then give orders for its being conveyed either to Fort Frederick or the Mouth of Conegochiegh.

Original.

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Frederick Town May 15th 1758

Sir,

I am order'd by Brig^r Gen^l Forbes to acquaint you that the Embargo on Ships is not as yet taken off, as the End that it was laid is not altogether effectuated.

I waited at this place all yesterday expecting you wou'd come up, but this morning I must proceed to Winchester as the Cherokees are become very uneasy, and threaten to return home. I am at a loss what I am to say to them, if they press me very hard to know the reason they do not meet the Troops in the field, I certainly must desire them to go and ask the reason why we do not keep faith with them, of those who can inform them better than Gen^l Forbes or I can do.

I hope to see you the 18th for if you and M^r Blair do not come up I shall be obliged to return without taking any one Step for the Service.

I am with great Sincerety

Dear Sir
Your most obedient Ser^t
John S^t Clair.

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[Sharpe to St. Clair.]

17th May 1758.

S^r

My Letter of the 15th Inst which I presume you will receive before the Return of Your Express will inform you of what has prevented my meeting you on the 18th agreeable to the General's Desire: the Court that detained me could not be opened till yesterday & to morrow morning I shall set off & endeavour to be at the mouth of Conegochiegh on Sunday next where you will be pleased to leave a Line for me. I cannot conceive what you mean by saying "if the Cherokees press me very hard to know the Reason they do not meet the Troops in the Field I certainly must desire them to go & ask the Reason why we do not keep Faith with them of those who can inform them better than General Forbes or I can do," unless you allude to what I said to those Indians that were at