

a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Province to encourage them to keep together till the End of the Campaign in hopes that the Assembly will at their next Session be prevailed on to repay what he shall so advance & likewise provide for their farther Support. As soon as those of them that are at Fort Frederick & on our Frontiers receive orders to march westward which I expect they will in about three weeks, I shall proceed to that Fort with two Companies of Militia & use my best Endeavours to protect our Frontier Inhabitants with them during the Continuance of the Expedition—As a particular account of the many objections that the Gent<sup>n</sup> of our Upper House of Assembly made to the Supply Bill which was offered them & of what the other Gentlemen urged in Support of it could not be well comprized within the Bounds of a Letter, I have declined entering into a Detail of them, but I have transmitted a Copy of the Bill together with all the Proceedings of the two Houses of Assembly thereupon to the Lord Proprietary that in Case you shall be pleased to call for them or to require a more particular Account of the Proceedings of our Assembly on this occasion they may be ready to be laid before you. We are told by some Cherokee Indians that have been lately in Sight of Fort Du Quesne that the Number of the Enemy there at this time does not exceed four or five hundred, most of whom go over the Ohio every Day & are employed on a work that the French are building on the western Side of the River about half a mile from their old Fort.

Letter Bk. III

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Original.

Winchester May 21<sup>st</sup> 1758

Dear Sir

I have this moment got your Letters, I am glad you are come so near me, and hope you will come here to morrow to help me to get out of many difficultys I labour under, that done I hope to be able to go w<sup>t</sup> you to fort Frederick.

I have not heard one word from M<sup>r</sup> Pres<sup>t</sup> Blair, which has thrown this place in great disorder. You will meet 60 Indians on their march to Shippensbourg to morrow. I am just drinking your health with Col<sup>o</sup> Washington and the Officers of the Virginea Brigade. You'll not blame me for not writing you a long Letter, for I will not detain your messanger.

I am with great truth

Dear Governour

Your most obedient and most  
humble ServantJohn S<sup>t</sup> Clair

3 oclock

To His Excellcy Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> of Maryland.