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[Forbes to Sharpe.]

Sir.

I Have the favour of Yours of the 14th which I should have Acknowledged, had it come sooner to my hands.

I must Confess that your Assemblys breaking up without Concurring in any way with His Majesty's Demands, is such a Piece of Presumption that Deserves a much Severer Chastisement, than I shall pretend to think of.

Your Goodness, Sir, in Attaching yourself to a few of your Militia, to go upon the Frontiers, shows well your good Inclinations to Serve the Publick in those most trying times.

I am greatly at a loss, & much Distressed how to Act with regard to the 300 Men, that you had at Fort Cumberland and Frederick in the Province pay. As you have said Nothing about them, I hope they continue as they were, untill I have the pleasure of seeing you. At the same time, should be well pleased that they could be all got together at Fort Cumberland as by that means part of Colonel Washington's Virginia Reg^t might march to Fort Frederick, in order to Joyn the other Troops at Rays Town, but as you will see Sir John S^t Clair, I think those things may be easily Settled for the best.

I am Extremely obliged to Capt Dagworthy & the officers at Fort Cumberland, and I am very Sorry that their good Endeavors to gett Intelligence, has not mett with the Desired Success.

Our Friends the Indians in those parts & the Cherokees ought to have Signals to know Each other by to prevent Mischieff.

Neither our Artillery, nor the Highland Reg^t are yet Arrived, so I cannot say when I can leave this, but am always, with real regard,

Philadelphia May 25th 1758.

Sir

Y^r most Ob^t & most
Hum^{ble} Serv^t,

Jo. fforbes

Original.

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Winchester May 26th 1758

Sir

The Inclosed was transmitted to me from Fort Cumberland.

No remarkable occurrence here since you left us, except the arrival of an Express from Col^o Byrd who informs me of his being at this place next Sunday and that he will soon be follow'd by the Little Carpenter with a large number of Cherro-