

kees, they have heard of the Skirmish in Bedford which I am still in hopes we will be able to reconcile to the Indians

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Dear Governor

Your most Obed^t and

Most Hum^{ble} Serv^t

John S^t Clair.

To Excellency Gov^r Sharpe.

[Sharpe to Wm. Sharpe.]

Letter Bk. III

Frederick Town. the 27th of May 1758.

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We hear that Admiral Boscawen is sailed from Hallifax for Louisburg with upwards of 13000 Land Forces; & that General Abercromby with about 5000 Regulars & 14000 or 15000 Provincials has left Albany & is advancing towards Crown Point; but when Brigadier Forbes will move with his Army I cannot tell for neither Montgomery's Battalion from Carolina nor the Artillery & Stores that were expected from Europe are yet arrived & altho the Pensilvanians have very nearly compleated their 3000 Men & the Virginians their 2000 yet it will be a long time before they will be armed & equipped, as the Assemblies relying on M^r Secretary Pitt's Letter have not made any Provision for that purpose. Upon our Assembly's breaking up without empowering me to raise the Quota of Men that was expected from this Province or granting a Sum of money to support the 5 Companies that were raised here last year & have continued ever since in our Service, Brigadier Forbes has engaged to pay them from this time to the End of the Campaign; they are to march westward in about a Fortnight & I am from that time to garrison Fort Frederick & protect our Frontier Inhabitants in the best manner that I can with Militia. The General intends I find to make a Demand on us when the Assembly meets again for the Pay that he has already advanced to our Troops or that he shall advance them while he has occasion for their Service; but I suppose he will find his Demands regarded as little as the Secretary of States Letter. I doubt not indeed but the Assembly will as usual profess the utmost Readiness on their Part to comply with the General's Requisition & to do every thing that can be reasonably desired of them but I am thorowly convinced that they will never grant any Money for that or any other purpose unless upon Terms which they know the Upper House will never agree to, & which if they would I am peremptorily forbidden by my Instructions to accept. I should tire your Patience were I