

Money for his Majesty's Service. I cannot indeed promise Letter Bk. III
 that a Bill will be made for that purpose within any certain
 time, but it is my opinion that if Your Excellency shall be
 pleased to advance on the Credit of the Province such a Sum
 of Money as was due to the Maryland Troops at that time &
 to M^r Ross for Victualling both them & the Indians that have
 at any time been furnished with Provisions at Fort Frederick
 the Assembly will some Day repay it, but with regard to any
 Expence that has been occasioned by Provisions being carried
 to Fort Cumberland since any of the Maryland Troops have
 been posted there as a Garrison, I am apt to think they never
 will be prevailed on to defray it nor do I believe they will
 ever agree to pay for Provisions or any thing else that our
 Indian Friends may have been supplied with at that Fort.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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Conegochiegh the 11th of Iune 1758 & transmitted by One
 of Colo. Lloyds Ships
 Sir

Your Letter dated the 3^d of March was brought to me last
 night together with the Map & the several Papers therein
 mentioned. I answered Your Letters of the 7th & 10th of
 April, the 12th of Augst &c as soon as they came to hand but
 I remember many of them were a long time on the Way
 which was owing to one of M^r Russel's or M^r Anderson's
 Masters putting into Virginia & keeping his Letters there a
 month or six weeks. I shall immediately send Orders to the
 Judges of the Land office to search the Records for Patents of
 the Tracts of Land which have been heretofore granted on
 Taylor's or James's Island & will transmit Copies of them
 properly authenticated as soon as they can be prepared.
 I have likewise ordered my Secretary to lay your Map before
 M^r Emory whose Report thereupon together with the Com-
 mission that the late Lord sent in to empower certain Gen-
 tlemen to run the East & West Line from Fenwix's Island to
 the Bay of Chesopeak & the Divisional Line from the middle
 of that to the Newcastle Circle I hope to send you by the first
 Ship that sails for London from this Province. It is now p. 348
 more than three Years since Governor Dinwiddie advised me
 that the Legislature of Virginia had passed an Act for erecting
 a Light House on Cape Henry & desired me to recommend
 it to our Assembly to make one to the same Purport that the
 Expence might be born equally by all the Ships trading into
 the Bay of Chesopeak. The Journal of the Proceedings of the
 Lower House of Assembly during the Session that was held
 in 1756 will shew that I recommended it to them at that time