

Letter Bk. III Family. As I am persuaded that a friendly Correspondence between the Governors of these Colonies is in the present State of Affairs highly expedient Your Declaration on that Head is very agreeable to me as I shall on all Occasions endeavour to shew by writing freely to you as often as I may have any thing to communicate which might concern either of these Colonies or which it might be agreeable to you to be advised of. By a Letter which I lately received from Carlyle I find that neither the General, the Artillery nor the Highland Battalion had got thither the 28th of last Month, Col^o Bouquet with Six Companies of your Troops & some of the Pens^a Forces was opening a New Road from F. Lyttleton to Ray's Town & thence to the Forks of the Yogyogany which was likely to prove a very laborious & difficult Task. A small Detachment of the Royal American Regiment & two Companies of the Delaware Troops are come hither with Sixty Waggon Load of Musquet Ball & Artillery Stores, which are if it is possible to be sent to Fort Cumberland by water I sent off about Twenty Tun of them yesterday morning but am afraid the waters of Potowmack will be too much fallen before the Canoes return for them to make another Trip. We are told by a Party of Cherokees that were lately in Sight of Fort Du Quesne that the Number of the Enemy at that place does not exceed four or five hundred, most of whom go over the Ohio every Day to work on a Fort that is begun at the Distance of about half a mile beyond the River, I am likewise told by a Gentleman at Carlyle that the French at & in the neighbourhood of Venango are much alarmed at no Provisions being sent this year as usual from Niagara. As I shall find myself obliged to remain here the greatest part of the Summer to encourage or compel the Militia (that I have contrary to the Advice of our Lower House of Assembly ordered out for the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants) to do their Duty You will be pleas'd to send any Letters that you may think proper to favour me with during that time to Winchester whence if they are directed to the Care of the Commanding Officer at Fort Loudoun they will find a speedy Conveyance for having the inclosed Letters put on board the first Vessel that sails for London from Your Govern^t

Original.

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Carlisle the 6th July 1758

Dear Sir

I have just time to acquaint you that General Forbes is arrived. I send you this by Colonel Preatters by Express, should be glad to hear how you are going on. We are