

Letter Bk. III

pence. The Officers that I appointed to raise our additional Companies have succeeded beyond my Expectation, upward of 140 Recruits were marched to Fort Frederick last Wednesday & I hope 20 or 30 more will be sent off the 24th of this Month. We hear that the Fleet is not yet sailed from N York on Acco^t of some Letters that were found on board a French Prize & which gave room to suspect that there is a French Squadron off of Louisburg. It is said that the Earl of Loudoun has dispatched a Vessel to Hallifax & that on her Return the Fleet will proceed the Troops having been embarked some time, By the Masters of some Ships lately arrived we are told that Admiral Holborne was not sailed for Ireland the 10th of April nor the Regiments that were ordered for America then embarked, they tell us also that upon the King's of Sweeden & Denmark declaring that they would join the King of Prussia if the Russians continued their march the latter had halted; that the Duke of Cumberland was gone to take the Command of an Army which was assembling in Westphalia & that Ld Egmont was appointed Secr^y of State in the Room of M^r Pitt

[Loudoun to Sharpe.]

Original.

From on board His Majestys Ship Sutherland at Sandy Hook
13th June 1757.
Sir,

I had the favor of Your Letter, with an Account of the Resolution of your Assembly, in relation to the Orders they have given to the Troops raised in your Province, if not being Employed in the defence of it; an Order inconsistent in itself, and a direct infringement of the Kings undoubted Prerogative: I must desire, that you will shew them the light this must appear in at home, and the Consequences it must immediately have, if the Fortifications in their Frontiers are abandoned to the Enemy; by this unprecedented Step of the Assembly of your Province, in open violation of the Kings Prerogative, of Commanding all Troops in his Dominions, and the light it must appear in at home, and the Consequences it must from its nature have there.

I have been as gentle in my representation of the light I see this affair in, as I possibly could, consistent with my duty to the King our Master, and my duty to those Provinces; As I am sure, you will enforce to your Assembly, this Affair, in the strongest manner.

I am, with great Regard,
Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Loudoun

The Hon^{ble} Horatio Sharpe.