

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Kilby.]

Fort Frederick the 29<sup>th</sup> July 1758.

Sir

Since I was favoured with Your Letter dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of Iune the Receipt of which I am now to acknowledge, I have taken an Opportunity to see General Forbes at Carlyle & to acquaint him in a more full & particular manner than I could well do by writing with the present State & Circumstances of the Officers & Men that compose the Maryland Forces, with the late Conduct of our Assembly relative to those Troops, with the Encouragement which the Officers have at times receiv'd from General Stanwix & Myself in Consequence of the Earl of Loudoun's Letters, with the Encouragement & Instructions that Doctor Ross hath also received from us, & in pursuance whereof he has continued to Victual our Troops as well as the Friendly Indians that have since the Beginning of April 1757 been at Fort Cumberland or any other Place on the Frontiers of this Province. I likewise took the Liberty to communicate to His Excellency the Contents of your Letter with which he seemed to be well satisfied, but with respect to the Sum which you proposed to allow for the Hospital, Indians & Transportation of Provisions to Fort Cumberland His Excellency has been pleased to enlarge it. The General has already advanced our Troops by the hand of S<sup>r</sup> John S<sup>t</sup> Clair the sum of £1890 Currency in part of the Pay that is due to them, this he is willing to make up £2400 & he has accordingly desired me to draw on M<sup>r</sup> Ioshua Howell for the Remainder being £510 Currency, which Sum I understood from the General & conclude from your Letter that M<sup>r</sup> Howell has received your Instructions to pay. Besides this & over & above the £2976. 15 Currency (or the Value thereof in Bills of Exchange) which you empowered me to draw for by your Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> of Iune, the General has desired me as I have already hinted to draw on M<sup>r</sup> Howell for the Sum of £800 stg towards defraying the Expence of transporting Provisions to Fort Cumberland & other Contingencies; which several Drafts for £510 Currency; £2976. 15 Currency (or the Value thereof in Bills), & £850 Stg will I expect be in a few Days presented by D<sup>r</sup> Ross, who is going to Phil<sup>a</sup> for that purpose & to receive M<sup>r</sup> Howell's Directions with respect to the Form that must be observed by him in making out his Accounts in case our Assembly should continue averse to paying him but indeed I am not without hopes that they will when they meet again & when I communicate to them a Letter which the General has lately wrote to me & wherein he makes a Demand on our Assembly for the Sums which he & you have been prevailed with to advance on the Credit of the