

Letter Bk. III Commands, He has served as a Lieut<sup>t</sup> more than two Years in the Maryland Troops & has always behaved well which encourages me to hope that he & his Company will be found useful on the present occasion. The Expence I have been at in furnishing of his men with Blanketts Leggings Moccasons & Camp Kettles is £82. 3. 10 Pens<sup>a</sup> Currency & as Capt Shelby & his 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut<sup>t</sup> who was likewise an Officer in our Troops untill the End of May last found themselves under some Difficulties by not being paid the Arrears that were due to them I have let each of them have £15 out of the £510 Currency which with Your Excellency's Approbation M<sup>r</sup> Kilby is to advance towards paying the Maryland Forces. I most sincerely wish Your Excellency the perfect Recovery of your Health & a successful Campaign & I am &c—

Original.

[Halkett to Sharpe.]

Shippinsburgh 13<sup>th</sup> August 1758.

Sir

Last night General Forbes arriv'd here where, he met with an Express from Colonel Bouquet, informing him of fifty Catawbaws and other Indians haveing come to our assistance at Winchester, they are in great want of every thing, paticularely that artikle of Blankets in which we ourselves are greatly distressed—The General therefore desire you will be so good to order three hundred pairs to be bought at Baltimore, ore else where, as they most conveniently can, and immediately be sent up to Reas town, where they will be paid upon delivery. He begs pardon for giving you this trouble, but hopes the good of the service which require the most speedy supply, will plead an excuse for the liberty that he takes.

I am Sir with great respect

Your most obedient humble

Servant Francis Halkett

Governor Sharp

Original.

[Forbes to Sharpe.]

Dear Sir

I can not paint the misery and distress that I have been in since I had the pleasure of seeing you, by that damnd Flux, which I hope has now made its last effort by knocking me up some days ago at this blessed habitation, I now begin to mend a little, and hope in a day or two to gitt forward, where tho my presence be necessary, yet my absence creates no stop in carrying on our publick affairs, our new road advancing apace, so that in a few days I hope to have our advanced post