

on the other side of Laurell Hill pretty well advanced towards the Enemy.

My Gripes obliges me to make use of another Hand writing than my own which I know you have goodness enough to excuse as likewise the freedom that Major Halkett used with you two days ago in desiring you would order some of your Correspondents to Buy 2 or 300 pair of Blanketts and send them directly to Raestown, by the first and readiest opportunity that can be procured.

I send you the enclos'd packett and beg the favour that you will further it by Express to Williamsburg, as I really I neither know the best nor nearest way of sending it, so shall leave Apolligizing any further till I have the pleasure of seeing you. Quere if I should march strait out, could you take the Garrison of Fort Cumberland under the protection of your Militia for a fortnight or so, in order that I might strengthen myself with all the Virginians that I shall other ways be obliged to leave there.

There is a talk this morning but with what foundation I know not as if Louisbourg should have been surrendered the 22^d of last month but this surely cannot be true altho we are in daily expectations of good news from that quarter.

I am with real sincerity

My Dear Sir

Y^r most obed^t &

most hum^{ble} Serv^t

Jo: fforbes

Shippensburg 16th August

[Sharpe to Forbes.]

Letter Bk. III

Fort Frederick the 17th of August 1758.

D^r S^r

Since I was favoured with your Letter & one that came by the same by the same Express from Major Halket I have sent off to Baltimore Bladensburg & Marlbro in hopes of procuring 200 if not 300 pair of Blanketts which shall be sent with all possible Dispatch to Raes Town. As I have been under the necessity of engaging myself for the Payment & have not here with me any one that I should choose to trust with so considerable a Sum must beg the favour of you to leave a warrant there payable to me or my order for £500 which will be near the Amount of 600 Blanketts including all Expences, however be it more or less the Ballance may be easily settled by the Person to whom the Warrant is directed, Altho Major Halket writes that they will be paid for on Delivery I rest satisfied it was neither his or Your Intention that I in Case of Accidents should be a Sufferer. It is with Concern but my