

he had met with a Repulse when it was evident by the Letter Bk. I.  
 Enemy's not pursuing him that if he had continued on the  
 other side of the Lake & had intrenched himself there they  
 had not a sufficient Force to attack him, by such a Step he p. 374  
 would at least have kept the Enemy in Awe & have prevented  
 their sending any Reinforcements either to Fort Du Quesne  
 or Cape Breton. It is reported that some of the Provincial  
 Troops behaved ill & that since the Action Numbers of the  
 New England Forces are gone home if this was really the  
 Case I doubt not but you will soon hear it as one of General  
 Abercromby's Aid de Camps is gone home to represent Mat-  
 ters in their proper Light. We have Advice from Phila<sup>a</sup> that  
 Louisbourg was not surrendered the 24<sup>th</sup> of last Month  
 Several of the Enemys Ships had been destroyed in the Har-  
 bour by a Bomb Battery which our Troops had erected on  
 the Western Shore & several Deserters had declared that the  
 Town was laid in Ashes but I cannot learn that our Troops  
 had at that time carried on their Approaches nigh enough to  
 raise Batteries for making a Breach nor can I find that the  
 English had been at that time able to make themselves mas-  
 ters of the Island Battery indeed if they had there is no  
 Doubt but Part of our Fleet would have run into the Harbour.  
 You may remember that in a Letter which you favoured me  
 with some time ago you said that Col<sup>o</sup> Henry had mentioned  
 to you his having some Claim on the late Lord Baltimore for  
 attending as a Commissioner when the Line was run from  
 Fenwix's Island & you told me that if he would write more  
 explicitly concerning that matter you would lay it before His  
 Ldp & endeavour to procure him Satisfaction, when he was p. 375  
 at Annapolis last Spring I communicated to him what you had  
 wrote to me & I have since received from him the inclosed  
 Letter which I take this Opportunity of transmitting for your  
 Perusal. I likewise inclose you the Petition of one Benedict  
 Spalding who has forfeited the Sum of £20 Currency to His  
 Ldp for striking a Person when he had before given Security  
 for keeping the Peace, the Man has some Friends that have  
 spoke to me in his behalf & intreated me to interceed with  
 His Ldp for a Remission of the Fine. &c.

[D. Ross to Sharpe.]

Copy.

August 30<sup>th</sup> 1758.

Sir

James bane the express got here yesterday about 3 p. m  
 with letters from the General to M<sup>r</sup> Howell in the Evening  
 I saw that Gentlemen at the Coffee house but he treated me  
 in such a mysterious manner that for a long time I could not