

Letter Bk. IV appear to have been the Case & indeed I am inclined to think that if we had much to boast of the General would at least have mentioned the Affair to me in the Letter which he wrote from Raes Town the 22^d of Oct^r. We are told that instead of making a straight Road from the Loyalhanning to Fort Du Quesne which is now said to be impracticable some of the Troops are employed in opening one from our Advanced Post into the Road that was made by General Braddock which demonstrates I think that the best Rout would have been by the Way of Fort Frederick & Fort Cumberland & not by the Way of Raes Town. You will perceive that whatever be the Event of the Campaign the General talks of sending all his Regular Troops down the Country for Winter Quarters that they may be recruited & have the better Opportunity of equipping themselves for the next Campaign, but in my Opinion if he is not so fortunate as to reduce the French Fort it will be hazardous to entrust the advanced Post at Loyalhanning to Provincials only, besides it is a Doubt with me whether these Colonies will be persuaded to support a Body of Troops for that Purpose. With regard to the Maryland Forces which if one judges from their Behaviour this Summer are some of the best Provincials in the Service it cannot I think be expected that they will be content to remain there or indeed
 r. 11 that they will keep together much longer, it being now almost 13 Months since they received any Pay, or fingered any Money except the Sum of £1500 St^g w^{ch} the General was pleased to advance the Officers on the Credit of the Province, One of the Virginia Regiments will be of Course disbanded the 31st of Dec^r & two thirds of the Pens^a Troops were enlisted only for 6 or 8 months which Term I presume will very soon expire & indeed We are told that a great many of the New Levies that engaged for the Campaign are already come off. I take this Opportunity of sending His Ldp another Box of dried Rattle Snakes & of remitting you two Bills of Exchange one drawn by Alex^r M^cfarlane the other by M^r Thomas Philpot & both together amounting to very near the Sum which I am to pay You every half Year out of the Sallary of a Thousand Pounds p^r Ann, that I receive as His Ldp's Governor. I am

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Wm. Sharpe.]

Annapolis the 3^d of Nov^r 1758.D^r B^r

In my Letter Dated the 27th of Augst I intimated to you that at the Desire of General Forbes I was then endeavouring to engage about 200 Voluntiers to accompany me To Fort Cumberland & to garrison that Place for three Weeks or a