

Letter Bk. III sion as I have had to be pleased with their past Conduct. Since the opening of the Session I have received a Letter from the General wherein he is pleased to tell me it is in his Opinion necessary & reasonable that this Province should support 500 Men during the Approaching Winter to assist the other Provincials in garrisoning the Advanced Post at Loyalhanning (in Case he should be unable to reduce Fort Du Quesne) & the several Forts that have been built on the Frontiers, that the Regulars or at least some of them may come down the Country to recruit & to equip themselves more conveniently for an early Campaign next Spring, he is still I find in an ill State of Health but he tells me that he was determined to march from Raes Town with the Rear of the Army the 23^d of Oct^r By other Letters which have been received from Raes Town we are informed that on the 12th of that month a Body of about 1200 French & Indians attacked our Advanced Post three several times but were as often repulsed, it was at first said that they had lost four or five hundred men but from the General's not mentioning the Affair when he wrote to me the 22^d ult. I am inclined to think that our Troops had not much Reason to triumph notwithstanding they are said to have been more than 3000 in number & to have a very good Breast Work quite round their Camp, our Loss was two Officers & 12 men killed, two Officers & 18 men wounded & 31 men missing. I wish it may be in my power to send you more certain & better Intelligence by the next Opportunity but I cannot say my hopes are at present extremely sanguine—

[Sharpe to Forrest & Maxwell, Merchants in Edinburgh.]

Ann^s 4th Nov^r 1758

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Inclosed are two Bills of Exchange for Seventy five Pounds three Shillings & a Penny St^g which is the Sum that I am indebted for the two Hhds of Claret that you were pleased to send me last Spring by Capt Moody as appears by the Account annexed to your Letter dated the 15th of April, the Receipt whereof I embrace this Opportunity to acknowledge. Having spent the Summer at a considerable Distance from home I have not had occasion as yet to use much of the wine but I shall not complain if none of it proves worse than what I have tasted. I am &c. Hor^o Sharpe—