

be fetched over & introduced to the General which they were the next Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> they were dismissed with an Answer to the Message they had brought from their respective Towns & M<sup>r</sup> Croghan the Deputy Agent for Indian Affairs with an Interpreter was ordered to accompany them; Col<sup>o</sup> Dagworthy does not know what passed between the General & those Indians but he says it was expected that all the Indians on the Ohio will immediately come in & sue for Peace. In my Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst I told Your Ldp there was a Report that the French had only retired to another Fort which they had built about 20 miles lower down the Ohio but I learn from Col<sup>o</sup> Dagworthy that there is no such Fort & that those of the Enemy that fell down the River were seen more than 30 Miles below Fort Du Quesne by the four Indians abovementioned. Your Ldp will perceive by the Orders which the General gave out the 29<sup>th</sup> of Novem<sup>r</sup> that he has sent a hundred of the Maryland Soldiers to Garrison Fort Cumberland expecting I presume that our Assembly will at least agree to support that Number. but if he has proceeded on this Supposition I am much afraid he will be disappointed & that Fort Cumberland will be soon evacuated, for the Gentlemen of the Lower House are still determined to adhere to their Assesment Bill, which I am told will be now offered to the Upper House in two or three Days. The General having thought fit to leave it to me to dispose of the Rest of the Maryland Forces I have ordered them to repair to this Place where they will be ready to be disbanded if no Supplies are granted or to receive their Arrears of Pay & be cloathed if the Assembly shall be prevailed on to raise Money at this time for that purpose. p. 19

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 14<sup>th</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1758 & transmitted by Capt M<sup>c</sup>Taggart.

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Since I wrote to you the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Dagworthy who has had the Command of the Maryland Troops is come hither from the Ohio & brings Us the agreeable Account that His Majesty's Forces under the Command of General Forbes took Possession of Fort Du Quesne the 25<sup>th</sup> of Novem<sup>r</sup> two Days after Mons<sup>r</sup> Deligneris with his Garrison of 500 Men had abandoned it. Before they went off they set fire to all the Barracks in the Fort & Out Works & all the Houses that had been built near it. They likewise demolished a Bastion & Part of two Curtains of the Fort by blowing up their grand Magazine of Powder. An English Boy who had been some p. 20