

often rejected, & indeed I am of opinion that Your Excellency will not want many Arguments to convince you that the Lower House or the Major part of them (for almost half the House voted against the Bill) did not in fact intend to grant any Supplies when you are informed that notwithstanding they knew Fort Du Quesne was in possession of His Majesty's Troops & there was great reason to think Your Excellency would order some of the Maryland Forces (if the Province should keep them up) to assist in garrisoning that place or some other advanced Post yet they would still insist on their favourite Clause that none of the men in the pay of this Province should be ordered beyond Fort Frederick. It would be unnecessary to trouble Your Excellency with a more particular Account of their Proceedings at this time. I shall only say therefore that their Behaviour at this time, Has not been different from their Conduct in the last Assembly & I dare not hope that they will ever change their measures or that this Province will ever contribute its' Quota towards carrying on the War against His Majesty's Enemies unless the Ministry to whom our Situation & unhappy Disputes are known can take any Steps to compel us. Col<sup>o</sup> Dagworthy informs me that before he left the Camp at Loyalhannon he ordered 100 of the best men that were in the Maryland Troops to march & garrison Fort Cumberland till Your Excellency's pleasure should be farther signified, & Capt Beall having brought all the Rest of the Men hither I recommended it to the Officers to give them Furloughs or Leave of Absence untill measures shall be fallen upon to pay off all the Arrears that are due to them & till they shall receive Notice to repair to some place of Rendezvous, with which the Men seem to be pretty well satisfied. I should be obliged to Your Excellency for letting me know whether you would choose that Doctor Ross should wait on M<sup>r</sup> Kilby this Winter with his Vouchers & Papers in order to make a final Settlement agreeable to M<sup>r</sup> Kilby's method or whether it would be more agreeable to you that the Affair should remain unsettled a few months longer & untill the Assembly shall be tried once more whether they will take it upon themselves to settle the Doctor's Accounts & pay him his Demand or not, Wishing that you may speedily have & long enjoy a better State of Health than has lately fallen to Your Lot, I am &c

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Forbes.]

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Be pleased to accept my hearty Congratulations on the happy Event of Your Expedition ag<sup>t</sup> His Majesty's Enemies