

cerning them but if you have reason to think it would give the General any Satisfaction to have Copies of all the Letters that passed between us since the Earl of Loudoun engaged to pay the Maryland Forces in Case the Assembly would not I should be obliged to you for intimating as much to me & I will send him such Transcripts by the first opportunity. I should have been glad to pay my Respects to General Amherst & to have had the Pleasure of seeing Your Excellency this Winter but as that cannot be I have wrote to D^r Ross & recommended it to him to proceed to Phil^a without Delay & to take with him the Muster Rolls, his Accounts, & every paper which may serve to give Your Excellency & M^r Kilby entire Satisfaction.—

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

26th Jan^y 1759.S^r

I embrace the earliest opportunity to acknowledge my Receipt of the Letter you were pleased to write me the 13th Dec^r which came to hand but a few Days ago, I take the Liberty at the same time to congratulate Your Excellency on being appointed Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in N America & to wish you the greatest Success in all your Undertakings. As General Forbes informs me in a Letter which I have just received from Phil^a that he expected to have the Satisfaction of seeing Your Excellency the Beginning of this Week I presume he has before this time informed you how averse the Assembly of this Province has been especially for more than 12 months past to supporting any Troops, nor do I doubt but Your Excellency has learnt e'er this from General Forbes on what Footing those that marched hence & served on the late Expedition agst Fort Du Quesne continued & how they have been kept together since the 8th Oct^r 1757 when they received the last of the Money which had been some time before granted for their Support. Within the last Year I met the Assembly of this Province at four several times & used my utmost Endeavours to induce them to comply with the Requisitions of His Majesty's Generals but I am sorry to say that all my Endeavours proved fruitless & that I have little reason to hope the Assembly will be now prevailed on to act a better part. I shall however convene them again as soon as all those of them that are well disposed can conveniently come together by which time it is not I think improbable that I shall be able to communicate to them some Instructions or a Letter from His Majesty's Ministers which together with Your Excellency's might have some Weight &