

not be prevailed on to raise any Money for the Kings use unless upon such Conditions as it was evident would not be granted I thought it my Duty to advise the Secretary of State how Matters were circumstanced & to transmit a particular Account of what had passed between the two Houses of Assembly in hopes that some measures would have been taken before this time to put an End to the Dispute. His Majesty's Ministers however having not as yet interfered so far & the Secretary of State having in his last Letters only blamed both Houses for their Failure last year neither of them think their own Conduct is thereby censured & therefore the Lower House by way of justifying their former Proceedings take just the same Steps that they did last year & the Gentlemen of the Upper continue still to reject a Bill which in their opinion is calculated to introduce strange Innovations & which they think it inconsistent with good Policy & common Justice to give their Assent to. This being the Case I can do no more than make the same Representation to the Secretary of State that I did last Summer & hope that His Majesty's Service will not suffer or be retarded for want of the Supplies or Troops which it was the Duty of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province to furnish. Your Excellency will I hope do me the Justice to think that it would have afforded me the greatest Pleasure to have had it in my Power to give a very different Answer to Your two Letters from what I have now wrote & that no Endeavours of mine have been wanting to induce our People to act a better part, & you will also I persuade myself believe that with the most ardent wishes for Your Success in the ensuing Campaign & with the utmost Respect I am &c

[Sharpe to Stanwix.]

18th April 1759—

D^r S^r

Capt Morris of His Majesty's Regiment who has been here some time on the Recruiting Service being about to sett off for Phil^a I embrace the Opportunity to inform you that as soon as I received your Letter of the 2^d Inst & the others that you were so kind as to forward to me I sent 'em to our Lower House of Assembly together with a Message whereof I take the Liberty to inclose you a Copy which I was in hopes would have inclined them to persue different measures from those which they had lately adhered to & to have offered a different Bill to the Upper House at this time from the one which that House had already refused four times & to which they were determined never to assent, but I am sorry to inform you that they have again shewn the same Disposition that