

Letter Bk. III they did last year & that when I found nothing was to be done the Gentlemen who compose the Upper House having once more refused the Bill which was offered them, & the Lower House having by many Votes manifested their Resolution to abide by it & to offer no other, I put an End to their Sitting, & they will I am satisfied ever meet to as little purpose as they have now done unless His Majesty's Ministers shall interfere & put an End to the Dispute that subsists between them. It gives me the utmost Concern that it is not in my power to send you such Advices as would be satisfactory & agreeable to you, & I can truly say that no Endeavours of mine have been wanting to induce our People to act a better Part but since I have entirely failed of Success it only remains for me to wish you Success in whatever you are going to undertake & to assure you that I am with the greatest Regard &c

[Sharpe to Pitt.]

18 April 1759—

Sr

I now do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 23^d Jan^y & 5th of Feb^y as well as of those dated the 9th & 29th of Decem^r last & to inform you that in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands therein signified I convened the General Assembly of this Province & by several Messages pressed them in the most importunate manner to grant such Supplies for the ensuing Campaign as the Circumstances of the Country would admit & as the important Service so particularly recommended to us required. It was however my Misfortune to find that the Peoples Representatives who compose the Lower House of Assembly, or at least a Majority of them came together with a fix't Resolution not to propose nor agree to any other Bill for raising Money or Troops besides that which the Gentlemen of the Upper House had four times before refused to pass for the Reasons contained in the Journal of their Proceedings, which as I took the Liberty to mention in my Letter of the 18th of May last was long ago transmitted to the Lord Proprietary that a clear & full State of the Dispute that subsisted between the two Houses might be ready to lay before you in Case you should at any time be pleased to call for it. Matters being thus circumstanced & the Assembly having broke up again without granting any Money or Troops, it is not in my Power to give any Assistance to the Officer that is appointed to command His Majesty's Forces in this Part of the Continent nor can I flatter myself after what hath passed that it will ever be in my