

Letter Bk. IV is reason to think that some of the abovementioned Troops will be detached in order to make a Diversion by the Way of Frontenac on the Ontario Lake. The following Regiments viz. the 15th 22^d 28th 35th 40th 43^d 45th 47th 48th 58th 2^d & 3 Battalions of Royal Americans, 2^d Battalion of the New Highland Reg^t & a few Companies of Rangers from Nova Scotia & New Hampshire (excepting perhaps 1000 or 1500 men that may be left at Nova Scotia & Louisburg with some New England Provincials) are it is said to embark & serve up S^t Lawrence River under the Command of General Wolfe. The Regiments that are destined for Ticonderoga are already moving up towards Lake George whence it is supposed that the Campaign will be opened in that Quarter much earlier this year than it was the last. Nothing worthy notice has happened on our Frontiers or to the Westward since the End of the late Campaign; it was apprehended at one time that the French would have paid a Visit to Pittsburg before the Garrison could be reinforced but as the Virg^a Reg^t or the greatest Part of it was ordered to march from Winchester almost a Fortnight ago I flatter myself there is no Danger of the Garrison's being disturbed. &

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

20th of April 1759.

Sir

Inclosed is an Extract of an Act of Assembly that was made in the Year 1733 "For Emitting & making Current £90000 Current Money of Maryland in Bills of Credit" by which you will perceive that in order to sink the said Bills of Credit a Duty of fifteen pence st^s p^r Hhd was laid on All the Tobacco that should be exported out of the Province between the year abovementioned & 1764, that the Amount of the said Duty is to be remitted annually by the Naval Officers to certain Trustees in London who are to vest the same in Bank Stock. The Trustees named in the Act were Mess^{rs} Sam^l Hide W^m Hunt & Rob^t Cruickshank Merchants; by the same Act the late Lord Baltimore was desired to superintend & direct their Conduct & Behaviour & was impowered in Case he should at any time think proper to remove or displace any of the said Trustees & to appoint other Persons in their Places & in case of the Death of either of the said Trustees His Ldp was likewise impowered to appoint some other Person in his Stead, by Virtue of which Power the late Lord was pleased to nominate & appoint the late M^r Adams a Trustee in the Place of M^r Cruickshank & afterwards M^r John Hanbury in the Stead of M^r Adams. In Oct^r 1753 was passed "An additional Sup-