

they were almost reduced to their last Meal; at that time the Garrison consisted of about 500 Men & it is a Question whether it is yet reinforced the Royal Americans having not left Phila<sup>a</sup> about ten Days ago & the Pens<sup>a</sup> Provincials being not yet cloathed. General Stanwix likewise continues as yet at Phila<sup>a</sup> as does also S<sup>r</sup> John S<sup>t</sup> Clair settling the Accounts of the last Campaign which amount I believe to a larger Sum than was expected, £200000 being still wanted to discharge all Arrears & put Things again in motion, which Sum it will it is said be impossible for the Paymaster to get unless the Assembly of Pens<sup>a</sup> will strike & lend the Crown £100,000 which I am told General Stanwix was to request of them when they met the 21<sup>st</sup> of last month, According to the Boston Paper of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ult all the Troops that were to go from that Province for the Expedition up S<sup>t</sup> Lawrence's River or to garrison Forts in Nova Scotia or Cape Breton were then embarked: & it is said in the N York Gazette dated the 21<sup>st</sup> of May that almost all the Troops who were to serve under General Amherst were gone to Albany & that the Rest were about to follow; I hope that before this time they have all joined & that I shall be able to send you agreeable Intelligence of the operations in that quarter when I have another Opportunity of assuring you that I am &

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Annapolis the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1759.

My Ld

It was with great Satisfaction that I last Night received the Letter Your Ldp was pleased to favour me with the 30<sup>th</sup> of March last together with the Opinion of M<sup>r</sup> Attorney General Pratt on the Matters which were contested between the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly at the time that the Bill was depending for raising by an Assessment a Supply for His Majesty's Service & I return Your Ldp Thanks for being so particular in Your Instructions for my future Conduct that being thoroughly acquainted with Your Ldp's pleasure & Sentiments I may do my Duty by conforming to them punctually, to do which I hope Your Ldp will believe it has hitherto been & shall always be my principal Study. I shall not fail to communicate to the Gentlemen of the Council the Attorney General's opinion & the purport of Your Ldp's Letter the first time I have occasion to convene them & if the Secretary of State or His Majesty's General in N America should again require me to meet the Assembly & ask them once more for Supplies I will endeavour to make the best use of M<sup>r</sup> Pratt's opinion & am not without hopes that it will have