

Letter Bk. IV Water there can I think be no great Difficulty in supplying a much larger number of men than are at present under his Command. In a Letter dated at Pittsburg the 19th Ult it is said that 164 Warriours of the six nations, Delawares Shawanaes & Ottaways came thither & met in Council that they all seem'd to be friendly disposed towards us & said they were sent by the Heads of their several Nations to know how they would be received & to carry back any messages that might be sent by them. that the Beaver a principal man of the Delawares was then on his way to Pittsburg with some of the Heads of the Owendots, Twigtwees Ottawas & some others from or near Fort Detroit, that the Indians which were at Pittsburg when the Officer wrote this Lett^r had sent Messages to the Indians at Venango to withdraw from the French which it was hoped would have a good Effect, & in that Case it is not improbable that before the End of the Campaign Gen^l Stanwix will be able to destroy all their Forts on the Ohio between the Monongahela & the Erie Lake. Lest the Packett should sail before Gen^l Amherst can advise the Ministry of his Success at Ticonderoga I shall inclose you the last Intelligence that we have received from his Army as well as of the Motions of Gen^l Wolfe &c & the Enemys Strength & preparations at Quebec which Account I apprehend might be depended on as Major Stobo is a Person of Capacity & Character—

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Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Wm. Sharpe.]

Annapolis the 13th July 1759.D^r B^r

As I cannot expect an Opportunity of transmitting Letters to England by any Vessel from this Province before our Fleet returns again to Europe I take the Liberty to put you to the Expence of one by the Packett from N York rather than defer so long to acknowledge the Receipt of Your favour of the 31st of March last which M^r Galloway who is just returned to this Province & paid me a Visit yesterday has put into my hands & from whom I learn with great pleasure that Brother Phil as well as yourself appeared to be in a pretty good State of Health at the time that you were pleased to invite him to dine at Your House. In a Lett^r which I sometime ago received from my Friend Gover^r Dinwiddie he intimated to me that imagining it was my Desire to be removed back again to the Army he had talked with you thereupon & would endeavour to strengthen your Interest with his own in order to serve me, for this Offer of his I could do no less than make my Acknowledgments but I cannot say that I have lately entertained any