

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

Annapolis the 5th Sept. 1759.S^r

I now do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your two Lett^{rs} dated the 8th & 14th of Augst as well as of that dated the 27th of Iuly wherein you were pleased to advise me of the Enemy's having on Your Approach abandoned their Post at Ticonderoga & of the Reduction of Niagara on which important Events I most heartily congratulate Your Excellency & beg leave to assure you that none can more sincerely wish you the Continuance of the Success which hath hitherto attended His Majesty's Forces under your Command than Y^r Exc^s—

[Sharpe to Wm. Sharpe.]

Annapolis the 24th Sept^r 1759.D^r B^r

Having upon my Receipt of the Lett^r you were pleased to favour me with the 31st of March last intimated to the Officers who lately commanded the Maryland Troops that the Earl of Loudoun was making Application in their Behalf & that in my opinion it would not be amiss for them to draw up a State of their Case & of their Claims to be presented to the Secretary of State for this Department I expected that they would have put such a one into my hands before this time that it may be transmitted by this Fleet, but as several of the Officers have died since last Campaign & many of those who survive are out of the Province it has been very difficult for their Agent to collect their respective Accounts so as to be thereby enabled to draw up a true State of the Affair & I begin to question whether it will be perfected before the Convoy sails.

As you were so kind as to tell me that if I had any Accounts of my own agst the Gov^t & would transmit them you would use Your Endeavours to get them in a way for Payment I take the Liberty to inclose you one amounting to more than £600 st^{rs} the greatest part of which Sum I have at times been under a necessity of expending in order to comply with the Requisitions of His Majesty's Generals.

It may perhaps be said that these are contingent Expences to which the Station of every Gove^t in N. America at this time renders him liable & that since at such meetings as we attended at Phil^a & N York we represented as it were our respective Provinces our Assemblies ought to reimburse Us; The Gover^s of N York & Pens^a have I am told been reimbursed in that manner but if my sole Dependance for a Reimbursement