

Letter Bk. IV Arms during the Course of the last Year, the Reduction of Quebec hath it is thought by those who are supposed to know the Enemy's Condition put Affairs in N America in such a Situation that it is scarcely possible for the French to keep Possession of Canada another Summer. Having acquainted M^r Calvert with what I have done in pursuance of Your Ldp's pleasure signified to me in his last Letters, & having Nothing more worthy Notice to communicate to Your Ldp at this time I shall only add that I remain.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis 2^d Feb^y 1760 transmitted by Capt Hendrick.
Sir

I now do myself the honour to acknowledge my Receipt of the Letter you were pleased to address to me the 9th of Augst last & also of Your Lett^r dated the 6th of Sept^r with a Post-script added the 20th of that Month. I have likewise had the pleasure to receive His Ldp's Favour of the 30th of Augst for which I shall take this opportunity to make my Acknowledgments. I have wrote to the Surveyor of Frederick Co^{ty} requiring him to make strict Enquiry & endeavour to discover some Parcells or Tracts of Land there proper to be reserved as Mannours agreeable to His Ldp's pleasure signified by your Lett^r but am much afraid he will not find such a Quantity as 5000 Acres of good Land at this time vacant or unpatented in one Spot unless in the extreem part of the Province, however as I have already intimated Orders are sent to the

p. 61 Surveyor to get all the Information he can concerning this Matter & to communicate to me his Discoveries without Delay which I shall lay before the Judges of the Land Office & then give such farther Instructions as in our opinion shall be for His Ldp's Interest & most agreeable to His Intentions. Being not required by any Lett^r that I have lately received from the Secretary of State to convene the Assembly again & having no Business of Consequence at present to lay before them, I have by Advice of His Ldp's Council prorogued them to the 11th of next Month & if no Instructions from home nor any Occurrence of an extraordinary Nature here should lay me under a Necessity of Meeting the Assembly then, I am apt to think the Gentⁿ of the Council will advise another Prorogation. The Pensilvanians thinking I suppose that We have nothing more to fear from the French in this Part of America have disbanded all their Forces except three Companies of Fifty Men each who together with part of the 1st Battalion of Royal Americans & the Virginia Reg^t are employed in garrisoning Pittsburg & the several Forts on the Communication.