

monstrous delays. I have not been able to pass my Acc^{ts} till very lately when at last I am ordered my Quietus.

We are greatly surprised from S^o Carolina to hear of the Cherokees being very refractory & guilty of many Murders &c. which obliged the Governor to march an armed force into their Country to bring the Murderers to Condign punishment, and the nation in general into a due submission to Great Britain. The People here are much alarmed at this, but I am satisfied the governor will be able to bring them into proper order, tho' I think it might have been done at Charlestown by sending for the heads of each tribe, but as the governor is a gentleman of great sense I doubt not he acts consistently.

I have been in a very poor state of health ever since my arrival, have been twice at Bath, & am advised to try the waters once more which I propose doing in three weeks time. As I shall always retain a due regard & esteem for Mr. Sharpe, I shall be glad of hearing frequently from you, and if any thing in my power to serve you freely Command

your Excellencie's

most ob^t humble Serv^t

Rob^t Dinwiddie

P. S. Pray tender my kind respects to Mr. Ridout.

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

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Annapolis 25th Feb^y 1760

S^r

Having this Moment received Your Lett^r of the 14th Inst. I do myself the honour to assure you that Nothing could give me more pleasure than to be able to promote the Service in which His Majesty's Troops under Your Excellency's Command are about to be employed but I am sorry to inform you that the Conduct of the Assembly of this Province for more than two years has been such as leaves me no room to entertain the least hopes of being ever able to prevail with them to grant any more Supplies for His Majesty's Service unless the Secretary of State shall be pleased in a particular manner to censure their late Proceedings or shall signify His Majesty's pleasure in such Terms as may incline the Upper House to accept from the Lower & pass the Supply Bill which they have hitherto peremptorily refused agreeable to the Opinion & Advice of M^r Pratt His Majesty's Attorney Gen^l because it was calculated to introduce unwarrantable Innovations & produce much Confusion in the Province. I have in more Letters than one acquainted the Secretary of State with the Reasons that no Supplies were granted here for the Service of the two last Campaigns hoping he would by some means or other