

Letter Bk. III remove all occasion of further Dispute between our two Houses of Assembly on that Subject nor have I indeed given over all Expectations of receiving some such Letter from the Secretary of State when Col<sup>o</sup> Amherst arrives or before the Opening of the ensuing Campaign, in that Case I should apply to the Assembly with some Prospect of Succeeding but at present I dare not as I have already told Your Excellency flatter myself with the least Hopes & therefore I could wish you would not insist on my convening them before the time to which by Advice of the Council they now stand prorogued but if it is Your Excellency's Opinion that I ought not to delay Meeting the Assembly in Expectation of Receiving from the Secretary of State any farther Commands I will forthwith issue a Proclamation requiring their Attendance & will press them in the most importunate manner which is the utmost I can do to comply with Your Excellency's Requisition—

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

Annapolis the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1760—

Sir

Your Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Ult & M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Pitts dated the 7<sup>th</sup> of Ian<sup>y</sup> having come to hand soon after I last did myself the honour to write to Your Excellency immediately on my Receipt of them I issued a Proclamation requiring the Assembly of this Province to meet here the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. which is as soon as they could possibly come together. I shall at that time communicate to them both Your Excellency's & the Secretary of State's Lett<sup>r</sup> & I hope you will believe that no Endeavours shall be wanting on my Part to obtain from them for the Service of the ensuing Campaign as large Supplies as possible.

Original.

[Amherst to Sharpe.]

New York 6<sup>th</sup> March 1760

Sir,

I am this day favored with Your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> by which I find that as for these two Years past You had no prospect of succeeding with Your Assembly in obtaining from them the necessary Supplies which I requested for the Service of the ensuing Campaign, unless the Secretary of State should be pleased, in a particular manner to Censure or Condemn their late proceedings; as I had the pleasure of forwarding such a Letter to You with mine of the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, I am hopeful the Assembly will have been awakened into a sense of their duty, and that they will no longer persist in their obstinate refusal of contributing their assistance towards