

Letter Bk. IV
p. 66 of the Lower House that they will not pay much Regard to Mr Pratts Opinion. They have I understand voted 1000 Men & ordered a Bill to be prepared for Raising £50,000 by just the same method that was proposed the last year which perhaps will be offered to the Upper House about the latter End of next Week. The Assembly of Pensilv^a were the 20th Inst. preparing an Act for Raising & Supporting 2700 Men during the ensuing Campaign, The Act is to be exactly the same as was the One which Governor Denny passed last Spring, & from what Governor Hamilton is said to have dropt in Company there is I suppose no Probability of its being refused. The Northern Colonies are all Raising & will support the Numbers which they respectively furnished last Year & the Virginians have also agreed to support their Regiment one more Campaign. I presume you will have learnt before this reaches you that the Cherokees have played Governor Lytleton & the Inhabitants of So Carolina an ugly Trick having reduced the Fort wherein the Hostages which they had given were detained & then fallen all at once on the Frontier Settlements so that according to our last Advices they are now in a much worse Condition than our Frontier People were while the Enemy were Masters of the Ohio.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to the Lords of Trade.]

Ann^s 28th March 1760.

My Lds

I do myself the honour to inform Your Ldps that having on the 26th of Feb^r received Your Ldps Letter dated the 13th of Nov^r last I forthwith issued a Proclamation in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands communicated to me by Your Ldps Lett^r & appointed the 17th of the present month to be observed throughout this Province as a Day of Publick Thanksgiving for the many signal Successes which it had pleased Almighty God to give to His Majesty's Arms both by Sca & Land during the Course of the last Year, which Day was accordingly observed by myself & His Majesty's good Subjects the Inhabitants of Maryland with such Solemnities as were suitable to so great an Occasion. I am &c.

[Commissioners of Customs to Sharpe.]

Original. Sir

Having by the enclosed letter to M^r Randolph acquainted him that We have Pursuant to a Warrant from the Treasury issued our Deputation to M^r John Ridout to be Surveyor of the Customs at Pocomoke in Maryland in the room of Edmund