

Letter Bk. III due to him for Provisions supplied to the Maryland Forces. Should the Secretary of State be pleased to take notice of Dr Ross's Petition I shall not fail to advise you thereof as soon as I receive such Intelligence that you may then take such measures as you may think expedient for Your Reimbursement, or if you think proper to make Application home immediately for the money you advanced & are of Opinion that any Certificate from me would be of Service Be pleased to signify to me what Sort of one you would choose & I will transmit it to you without Delay—

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

10<sup>th</sup> April 1760—

Sir

I am sorry I cannot send Your Excellency a more agreeable answer to your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ult. which I had the pleasure to receive by Col<sup>o</sup> Howe than that the Proceedings of our Assembly at this time have been such as I apprehended they would be when I did myself the honour to write to Your Excellency the 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup>. The Letter which you were pleased to forward to me from M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Pitt appearing to be a Circular one & not containing any particular Censure on the Conduct of the Lower House more than did that Letter from the Secretary of State which I was ordered to communicate to them last year, They paid very little Regard to it nor would they suffer the opinion of His Majesty's Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> to have more weight with them. They did indeed in order to save Appearances express a Readiness to comply with His Majesty's Requisition, & thereupon Voted a Thousand Men for the Service of the ensuing Campaign, but they Resolved at the same time that the money necessary for Levying & Supporting such Men should be raised by a Bill which they were morally certain the Upper House would not pass since they had already rejected it five times & M<sup>r</sup> Pratt the King's Attorney General in his opinion given thereupon had declared it to be unjust & unreasonable & such a one as could not be enacted into a Law without a Breach of Publick Faith & a Violation of our Constitution—I would not willingly intrude on your Excellency's Time but as the Members of the Lower House pretend to think that you will be convinced by a Sight of their Votes & Resolves that they have done their Part towards Raising the necessary Supplies & that the Upper House are alone to blame, I must take the Liberty to inclose a Copy of such their Resolves together with a short Address which they likewise sent me upon my Desiring to know their final Resolution, & I also think it my Duty therewith to inclose