

prevailed on to raise & support any more Troops during the Continuance of this War especially as I am convinced that a Majority of their Constituents now they think themselves secure from Danger are really averse to being burthened with any more Taxes—Hoping that the Almighty will continue to bless the Arms of our most gracious Sovereign during this Campaign with as great & signal Successes as were obtained by His Majestys Fleets & armies during the Course of the last year on which I presume most heartily to congratulate You I remain with the utmost Respect &c

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Stanwix.]

17th of April 1760.

Sir

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Lett^r dated the 10th Inst. wherein you were pleased to signify to me that you hoped the Troops which had been demanded from this Province for the Service of the ensuing Campaign would be at the Place of Rendezvous the 12th of next month & in readiness to march thence in Obedience to such Orders as may be sent them by the Officer who is appointed to command this Summer to the westward I am sorry S^r at being obliged in answer to Your Letter to inform you that our Assembly broke up again the 11th Inst without granting any Supplies for His Majesty's Service, the Lower House having once more declared their Resolution to adhere to their old Bill & the Gentlemen who compose the Upper House being confirmed by the Advice of His Majesty's Attorney General M^r Pratt in their opinion that they ought not to pass it. As I presume a particular Account of the Proceedings of the two Houses on this occasion would afford you very little Satisfaction I shall not trouble you therewith but only add that I am.

[Sharpe to Shirley.]

Annapolis in Maryland 2^d May 1760.

To His Excellency Major General Shirley Governor of the Bahama Islands.

D^r S^r

It being reported here that several Vessels belonging to the Northern Colonies having been lately taken & carried into Providence by some Privateers fitted out from that Island were libelled in the Court of Vice-Admiralty there & condemned for the Benefit of the Captors & that notwithstanding the Owners of such Vessels were advised by Lawyers that such Vessels were not liable to be made Prize & that upon an