

Letter Bk. IV believe the Parishioners would be well pleased with an Exchange. The Reason I did not in my last Letter speak of the Conference Chamber as a proper place for the Agent's office was that some workmen who had been desired to review & examine the Building are of opinion that it cannot stand many years & as I conceive the Assembly would not if it was appropriated to the Agent's use be prevailed on to rebuild or repair it I am of opinion it would be better for your Ldp to buy or have an Office built at once for that particular purpose. Wishing Your Ldp all happiness I am &c.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Kilby.]

Annapolis the 3<sup>d</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> 1761.

Sir

In Answer to the Letter you were pleased to favour me with the 27<sup>th</sup> of April I embrace an Opportunity that now offers to inform you that the officers of the Maryland Troops & M<sup>r</sup> Ross who victualled them having in Sept<sup>r</sup> 1759 in Petitions addressed to the R<sup>t</sup> honble M<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> Pitt represented to him the Difficulties they laboured under & into which they had been brought by obeying the Orders they had received from His Majesty's Generals & by the Obstinacy of our Assembly I took the Liberty to transmit the same to the Sec<sup>y</sup> of State in a Letter dated the 28<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1759 & at the same time sent my Brother William the Muster Rolls & Accounts which had been put into my hands by the Officers & M<sup>r</sup> Ross & to which they in their Petitions or memorials referred in order that the said Accounts &c. may be by him delivered into the Secretary of States Office in case such a Step should be regular & proper. These accounts having been afterwards sent to the Treasury were by their Lordships referred to the Examination of Lord Loudoun, Gen<sup>l</sup> Abercrombie & Gen<sup>l</sup> Stanwix who were desired to make a Report thereon which my Brother tells me they accordingly did being fully convinced by the Papers & by what they themselves knew concerning the Affair that the Representations of the Officers & M<sup>r</sup> Ross were true & that their Claims were just & reasonable. This S<sup>r</sup> was all that had been done the 15<sup>th</sup> of April last, the Report had been made to the Treasury but no Orders for Payment had been issued, if in case nothing has been since done you will be so kind as to second my B<sup>r</sup> William's Sollicitations & endeavour to obtain an order for the money due you will extremely oblige all the Parties concerned & in particular S<sup>r</sup>

P. S. The inclosed short & general State of the Acco<sup>ts</sup> will shew you what is the Ball<sup>ce</sup> still due to M<sup>r</sup> Ross & the Troops.