

Letter Bk. III when they had themselves encouraged, nay ordered the Officers to continue in the Service, by doing which those of them who survived the Campaign were entirely or almost ruined. If you should happily obtain an Order for the Money I hope you or B^r Philip will be so kind as to advise me without Delay how it is to be got hither: If the Sterling Money is lodged in yours or any other Person's hands so that I may have power to draw for it, the Excha at this time would be so much in favour of those who are to receive it here that there would be a handsome Surplus to defray any Charges which may have or shall attend the Negotiation or Transaction of this Business. Having lately received a Letter from M^r Kilby (one of the late Contractors for Victualling His Majesty's Forces on this Continent & who as You may have seen by the accounts I transmitted to you advanced M^r Ross £1500 Stg to enable him to Victual the Maryland Troops) wherein, being anxious I suppose about the Money he advanced he desires me to let him know what Measures have been taken in order to procure Payment of the Money still due to M^r Ross & the Troops offers in case I would transmit the Accounts to second any Person that might act as Sollicitor in the Affair I have taken the Liberty to tell him what has been already done in consequence of which he may possibly wait on You; & as he advanced the abovementioned Sum to M^r Ross purely to support that Gentleman's Credit & not with any View of Advantage to himself I am inclined to believe he would be ready to do both him & the Officers any farther Service in his power—I have no news to communicate to you from this Continent unless that Gen^l Amherst is drawing several Regiments (it is said at least twelve) from Canada towards New York in order that they may embark there the Beginning of next Month as it is supposed for Martinico. I have desired B^r Phill to reimburse you the money you paid for those Instructions to Ld Baltimore from the Board of Trade. &c.

[Sharpe to Philip Sharpe.]

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D^r B^r

Thomas Pearce having waited on me with the Letter You were pleased to give him the 10th of March (which is the only one that I have had the Satisfaction to receive from You since Your Letter dated the 7th of June 1760) I sent for Capt Dawson to speak to him about setting the Lad at Liberty as you had intimated to me that his Father had paid for his Passage but according to the Captain's Account that was not the Case, the Father having only given Capt Dawson a present upon