

culty in getting His Ldp's Orders at this time executed. I Letter Bk. I.
think also that every Steward should be enjoined to make out
& keep a Plat of the Manor whereof he has the Care & to lay p. 296
down therein every Tenement as it shall be leased & when-
ever he comes to make up his annual Accounts with the
Agent he should be always obliged to produce such platt that
the Agent might see what parts of the Manor are setled &
how large a Part remains vacant. The Agent should also at
the same time invite Tenants to the vacant Lands by Adver-
tisements wherein the Terms on which such mannor Land
would be granted should be made known, the Stewards
should be likewise ordered to compel every Tenant to pay his
Rent regularly on a certain Day for I am persuaded that
nothing is so detrimental as giving them long Credit. At the
same time I think the Agent might be suffered to lend a
Tenant a small Sum if he is satisfied that he shall thereby con-
tribute considerably to the Improvement of the Tenement. If
His Ldp shall approve of any thing that I have now offered
He will I hope be pleased to give the Agent peremptory
orders to carry it into Execution, for if the Instruction comes
to Me he will be apt to think himself unconcerned, & unless
some such Instructions are given it will not I beleive be in my
power to return more perfect & satisfactory Platts of the man-
nours than I have now transmitted. Col^o Lloyd still excuses
himself from coming over so I cannot tell when I shall have
an opportunity of pressing him more than I have already done
to comply with His Ldps Requisition by exchanging offices
with M^r Thomas

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Original.

Boston July the 31st 1757

Dear Sir

After I returned to Philadelphia I found my Journey agreed
so well w^t me that I came to this place, and if I had no relapse,
to go and join the Army. so that I only wait for a ship which
is hourly expected to carry me to Hallifax I do not believe
his L^op will let me stay with him after the rains fall, I think
I shall be sent to prepare Quarters for his Troops during the
Winter. I have got a very exact account of all the Provinces
to the Northward of you, but I am such a Stranger to Mary-
land that I do not know which are your best Towns for quar-
tering. As I imagine two of our Reg^{ts} will be sent to their
Winter Quarters in your Government, I must beg the favour
of you to let me know in what towns you wou^d choose to
have them quartered, and in case one Reg^t shoud only be sent
to you, be so good as to draw me out the Quarters for one
& two.