

lately received from Governor Pownall he tells me that he had some Conversation with you just before he left England about me & N York & offers me his Service in Case I should entertain any Thoughts of that Govern^t As I have heard since I addressed my last Letter to you that the Governor of that Province is dependant on the Assembly for his Sallary & has no Allowance from home I returned him Thanks for his kind Offer but intimated to him that by the Accounts I had received I was induced to think that the Exchange would not be much to my Advantage & indeed I am pretty well convinced that that Govern^t is not so desirable as it has been generally supposed nor so valuable as you have heard it represented. I have writ to Lord Baltimore pretty freely about the prodigious Decrease of my Revenue since these Disturbances began in America in hopes that he will be induced to lessen the sum that I am ordered to pay annually out of my Sallary but as M^r Calvert's Interest & mine are in this particular directly contrary I am afraid my Representation will have but little weight—

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Wm. Sharpe.]

18th Sept^r 1757.D^r B^r

All the News that We have received from the Northward since I writ to you the 8th Inst is that Admiral Holborne with the Fleet under his Command is returned to Hallifax the French having notwithstanding their Superiority declined coming out of the Harbour of Louisburg to give him Battle & that M^r Dusseau Col^o Commandant of the 2^d Battalion of the Royal American Regiment died a few Days since on his March from N York to join Col^o Stanwix who continues encamped near Carlyle. As the Money that our Assembly granted last Year for the Support of the Troops that have been since raised for the Defence of this Province is almost expended I am obliged to meet them again & solicit farther Supplies which I am very sorry for because I am persuaded that they will follow the Example of the Pensilvanians in insisting on all the Proprietary's personal & real Estate within the Province being taxed as well as their own when I am by a peremptory Instruction forbid to assent to any Bill of that Sort that might be offered me. It grieves me to think that we should find such Difficulty in obtaining a paultry Sum to support a few hundred Men for the immediate & sole Defence of our own Frontier Inhabitants when we could afford to support a thousand more for the General Service did the Legislature of Great Britain think fit to compel us. there is