

Letter Bk. III scarcely a Person of Common Sense among us but laments that no Act of Parliament has been yet made for that purpose, for my own part I am of Opinion that nothing else can effectually preserve these Colonies from Ruin.

[Sharpe to Loudoun.]

1st of Oct^r 1757.

My Ld

Being obliged a few Days ago to convene the Assembly of this Province for want of Money to support any longer the Troops that have been raised here agreeable to Your Ldp's Requisition I thought it my Duty to press the Gentⁿ to make suitable Provision for the Accomodation of such of His Majesty's Regular Forces as Your Ldp might be pleased to order hither for the winter. They have given me room to hope that they will pay some Regard to my Recommendation but decline coming to any Resolution on this Matter untill I can let them know for what Number of Men Your Ldp expects they will prepare Quarters. I must therefore intreat your Ldp to give me the necessary Information, & if Your Ldp thinks fit to require any thing more from this Province I hope you will be pleased at the same time to advise me thereof that I may communicate your Ldp's Commands to the Assembly before they desire me to put an End to the Session. I doubt not My Ld but you remember the Complaint that Capt Bosomworth made to your Ldp against one M^r Lee of this Province for endeavouring by extraordinary means & in Conjunction with several disaffected Persons to obstruct the Recruiting Service. on my Return from Phila^a I advised M^r Lee of the Representation that had been made to your Ldp & desired he would not delay sending me an Answer. It was however many weeks before I received one & as I apprehended your Ldp had then little time to spare for the Perusal of such Letters I declined troubling your Ldp therewith, but as M^r Lee insists on his Innocence with respect to several Things that Capt Bosomworth laid to his Charge I think myself obliged to lay his Lett^r before your Ldp & to declare that I cannot upon the strictest Enquiry find that M^r Lee ever forfeited the Character of a loyal Subject or the Reputation of being a Person of Veracity & Honour.

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

Oct^r 1. 1757.

Sir

I thank you for your Letter of the 24th ult wherein you advise me of your having obtained His Majesty's Leave to go