

home & of your Intention to leave Virg^a sometime in Novem^r Letter Bk. III
 I desire you will also accept my grateful Acknowledgments
 for your kind offer & Promise to serve me if after your Return
 to Great Britain you shall at any time find it in your Power.
 I must beg the favour of you to let me know what time you
 will certainly embark that I may get such Letters as I shall
 beg leave to trouble you with ready. I suppose I shall be
 able to judge before that time whether our Assembly will be
 prevailed on to do any thing more for our security, at present
 they talk of disbanding all our Troops & leaving it to the
 Frontier Inhabitants to defend themselves. They are as I
 supposed they would be much chagrined that most of our
 Men have been ordered to garrison Fort Cumberland & insist
 that the Frontier Inhabitants could not receive the least pro-
 tection from Troops so employed. I am sorry to inform you
 that a Gentleman who came hither this Day from Phila^a brings
 an Acco^t of S^r John S^r Clair's having died at Albany last
 Thursday Se'n night.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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6th Oct^r 1756. [1757]

My Ld

In my Letter dated the 5th Sept^r I informed Your Ldp that
 I had by the Advice of the Council dissolved the late Assembly
 and issued Writs for the Election of a New One which met
 here the 28th of last Month when I opened the Session as usual
 with a Speech of which I inclose Your Ldp a Copy together
 with Copies of the Addresses that were presented to Me by
 both Houses in Answer thereto. As I had Nothing to ask of p. 311
 them but what the least Regard for the Safety & Ease of the
 People would induce them to grant I thought it unnecessary
 to be so importunate as I have been on former Occasions &
 the rather because the Conduct of all our Assemblies manifest
 that the more earnest or anxious a Governor seems to obtain
 Supplies the more the Representatives of the People clog the
 Bills whereby Provision is to be made for the Service that is
 recommended to them. So much time has been spent by
 them since they met in determining contested Elections, ap-
 pointing Committees & sounding each others Inclinations
 that little or no Business has been yet done, neither is it yet
 easy to guess what will be the Issue of their Deliberations,
 tho indeed I am apprehensive that they are in general very
 averse to keeping up so great Number of Men as have been
 supported this last Summer for the Protection of the Frontier
 Inhabitants. I have not heard any thing of the Earl of Lou-
 doun's Motions since I last addressed Myself to Your Ldp, nor