

Letter Bk. I. of Admiral Holburne besides what is contained in the Gazette that I herewith send for Y^r Ldp's perusal. Some People have been lately killed on the Frontiers of Pens^a & Virg^a but none that I hear of in this Province. By the Account of two Deserters that are come to Fort Cumberland there are at this time in Garrison at Fort Du Quesne about 400 Men. Their Magazine has been well supplied with Provisions from their Settlements down the Ohio & with more than 300 Barrels of Powder. If this Acco^t is to be depended on I presume we need be under no Apprehensions on Account of Fort Cumberland this year but they will I expect continue to harrass the Frontier Inhabitants with their Indians & thereby distress the Colonies as they have hitherto done. I send this by a Gentⁿ that is about to embark in the Packett from N York but I beleive I shall have an Opportunity of transmitting a Lett^r to Y^r Ldp by one of our own Ships as soon as the Assembly comes to any Resolution or as I shall have any thing worthy Your Ldp's Notice to communicate. I am &c.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

6th of Oct^r 1757. transmitted by M^r Wolstenholme.

Sir:

In my Letter dated the 5th Sept^r I told you that I had by the Advice of His Ldp's Council dissolved the old Assembly & issued Writs for a new Election these being returnable on the 28th of last Month I opened the Session as usual with a Speech of which I inclose you a Copy together with Copies of the Addresses that were presented to me by both Houses in Answer thereto. there being several controverted Elections to be determined the Lower House has not yet proceeded to other Business so I cannot tell you what is likely to be the Issue of the Session nor how far they will consult the Ease & Safety of their Constituents by making Provision for the Accommodation of the Regular Troops that we expect here this winter & for the Support of the five Companies that have been raised for the Protection of our Frontiers, I beleive I shall have an Opportunity by a Vessel from this Place of acquainting you with their Proceedings as soon as they come to a final Resolution on the Matters that I have mentioned to them & hope I shall send you an agreeable Account tho indeed my hopes are not very sanguine. The Pens^a Assembly has again thought fit to set Us a glorious Example as you will see by the inclosed Paper, the high opinion that these Gentⁿ entertain of the Power of their House will I doubt not be much approved of by our People, tho I think they will all perceive the weakness of the Arguments that are urged to induce