

I Cannot Imagine that you will find any Difficulty in bringing your People to Raise money, for the Support of the Five Hundred men they Raised at my Requisition for the Defence of the Province, and who I have since always employed in it, and for that purpose; But I must beg that you will Explain to the Assembly that the Restrictions they Layed on those Troops, in their Act last Summer, are not only Contrary to the King's Instructions to all His Governors, but a Direct Attack on His Majesty's undoubted prerogative of Commanding all His Subjects in Arms and are at the same time Ruinous to the Service, and to the security both of your own & the neighbouring Provinces, the very purpose for which they were Raised. It would be Injurious to them, to suppose that they would have gone into it, if it had occurred to them in their Deliberations, what the Consequence of such a Resolution must be, if it could have taken Effect, and I am sure your Abilitys & Zeal for the Publick Service, will Lay it before them in the true Light.—

As to M^r Lee's Letter I have read it, and shall Examine further into it, and write to you on that & the other Informations I received from you, Iust as I was setting out for Halifax.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Loudoun

To The Hon^{ble} Horatio Sharpe Esq^r

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Admiral Holburne.]

18th Oct^r 1757—

Sir.

I received the Letter that you sent me from one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State together with that which you was yourself pleased to favour me with the 10th of July & as soon as I had an Opportunity I communicated the Contents of them to our Assembly pressing them at the same time to a compliance with your Requisition. In answer to my Message on this occasion the Gentlemen professed the utmost Readiness on their Parts to comply with every reasonable measure that should be recommended by His Majesty's Ministers but concluded their Address with a Declaration which is indeed a very just one that the Seamen employed in the Trade of this Province are so few that it is absolutely impossible for us to supply the Fleet with the smallest Number. I am sorry it was not in my Power to comply with your Request by sending you a Number of Seamen from this