

say on no account be employed otherwise than in garrisoning Letter Bk. III
Fort Frederick & ranging just beyond the Frontier Settlements. This being their final Resolution I must leave it entirely to you to take such Measures for the Preservation of Fort Cumberland as you shall think proper. The Garrison will not I apprehend be easily kept together long after the Men hear that they are to receive no more pay & indeed if they are not by Your order speedily supplied with a quantity of Provisions they will all find themselves under the Necessity of abandoning the Place for want of Food. I have writ to the Earl of Loudoun acquainting him with the Assembly's Conduct on this Occasion but as I hear that His Ldp is at Albany it will be some time before my Letter can reach Him. The Gentleman that presents this is a Lieut^t in one of our Companies. As he has Business to transact at this Place before he goes to Fort Frederick he will return again hither as soon as you shall have leisure to acknowledge the Receipt of my Letter—

[Sharpe to Board of Trade.]

22^d of Oct^r 1757.

R^t Hon^{ble}

In obedience to Your Lordship's Commands signified to me in Your Letter dated the 9th of Iune I have writ to the Masters or Clerks of all the Iron Works in this Province for such a particular account as your Ldps are pleased to require of the Quantity of Pig & Bar Iron that was made at their several Furnaces & Forges from the 25th of December 1749, to the 5th of Ianuary 1756 which Account shall be transmitted to Your Ldps by the first Opportunity of Conveyance that offers after the Gentⁿ have complied with my Request & In the mean time I send Your Ldps an Acco^t of the Quantity of Iron that appears by the Naval Officers Books to have been exported from this Province within the time abovementioned.

[Sharpe to Pitt.]

22^d of Oct^r 1757.

Sir

In the Letter which I addressed to you the 26th of May I informed you that the Assembly of this Province had in Compliance with the Earl of Loudoun's Requisition agreed to support 500 Men for the immediate Defence of the Province & to act on any Emergency in Conjunction with such other Forces as should be employed in these parts to annoy His Majesty's Enemies. Some of these Men were by His Ldp's