

P. S. Those Indians who attacked us this day are part of that Body which went to the southward by this way in Spring which is known by one of the Guns we now got from them.

On his Lordships Service  
To his Excellence Horatio Sharpe Esq  
in Annapolis.

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

Letter Bk. III

To Sir Jeffery Amherst the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1763.

Sir

I return Your Excellency Thanks for the Letter by which you were pleased the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month to advise me of the hostile proceedings of the Indians in the Upper Country & to caution me to provide for the protection of the Frontiers of this Province. Apprehending from some Reports which I had before heard that some of the Ohio Indians might be concerned in the plot I forthwith sent particular Instructions to the Commanding Officer of the Militia in our Frontier County thereby putting him on his Guard & ordering him to have some Parties ready to act for the Defence & protection of the Inhabitants in case the Suspicions entertained of the Indians evil Intentions should prove well founded. I have since sent him both Arms & Ammunition & such other Instructions as the Behaviour of the Indians & the Condition of our Frontier Inhabitants seemed to make necessary & in pursuance of my orders some Parties of Militia have marched & are disposed of & posted on our Frontier for the Protection of the Settlements, the Gentlemen of our Council being of opinion with me that this measure was the best & readiest way of Covering or protecting them.

I am glad to find by Your Excellency's Letter that altho the Indians had actually invested both Fort Pitt & Detroit you did not seem to be under great pain about those Posts, but entertained hopes that the Force you had collected and ordered thither would arrive in time to check the Depredations of those perfidious Barbarians. I am &c.

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

Original.

London July 20<sup>th</sup> 1763

Sir,

Yesterday I was at change & learning from M<sup>r</sup> Philpot that he had a ship at this day for Patowmack River to depart,