

& at the same time its Situation is so agreeable & proper for a Governors House that it would really be a Pity to give it entirely up, especially as I think it very probable that the Assembly will some time or other refuse to pay a Governor's Rent for him & alledge that it was for many years the Custom here & is still in Pennsylvania for the Proprietary to accommodate His Lieut Governor with a Mansion. I mention this that if a proposal should be made at another Session for supporting a College on any other plan it might be considered whether the House & four Acres of Land intended for the Governor's use should in such Case be given up for the Advancement of Literature among us. With the Messages that passed between the Houses on the College Bill I likewise send you Copies of some that passed between them on a Bill that was afterwards offered for the Defence of the Frontiers by which it was proposed that the Ordinary Lycence Fines since they could not be then secured for the use of a College should be Mortgaged for the Term of seven years to sink the Money which might be expended in giving the necessary Protection to the Frontier Inhabitants; on this occasion the Upper House as you will observe by the Journal had a Division M^r Dulany & two more being willing to admit such Appropriation while the other Members were averse to mortgaging the Lycences for such a purpose more than one year at most, the Consequence was that the Bill dropt in the Lower House upon the proposed Amendment, & it was left to the Frontier Inhabitants to provide in the best manner they can for their own Security in Case the Western Indians should again in the Spring recommence Hostilities against these Colonies which however I flatter myself will not be the Case. Inclosed I send you seconds of the Bills of Exchange for £124 19 9 that I remitted in my Letter of the eighth Instant & am with the greatest Regard &c.

Letter Bk. IV

[Gage to Sharpe.]

Original.

New York 4th April 1764.

Sir

Having judged it for the good of his Majesty's Service, to put the troops from Philadelphia Southward, under the immediate Command of Col^o Bouquet, I think it proper to acquaint you therewith; and at the same time to desire you would be so good to correspond with the Colonel, and afford him all the assistance in your power, for the better carrying on the publick Service in that District. Being Dissapointed in my hopes of Supplies from Virginia & Pennsylvania, I am necessitated to have recourse to every measure, which I think may