

Session of Parliament and that your Excellency would be particular in seeing that the Chief Distributor do appoint under Distributors in every proper Town and Place within your Government, and that each of the said under Distributors be well supplied with Stamps for all Demands, and that your Excellency would be very attentive to the Detection of any Frauds which may arise in this Branch of His Majesty's Revenues; and in Case it shall have happen'd that any Chief Distributor residing in your Government hath not given Security for the due Execution of his Office, that Your Excellency will take Care that he do forthwith execute his Bond for the same, which Bond when executed, your Excellency is desired to return to the Stamp Office. My Lords so much depend upon your Attention to the public Service, that they cannot doubt of receiving Information from your Excellency in Case any remissness in the Execution of the Office of the Chief Distributor within your Government, or other Mismanagement or Abuses whatsoever shall appear to you. I am

your Excellency's most obedient humble Servant

Treasury Chambers

Cha. Lowndes

14<sup>th</sup> Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1765

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Gage.]

To General Gage

23<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1765.

Sir

I have this afternoon received the Letter Your Excellency was pleased to favour me with the 16 Inst inclosing an Order for a Detachment of a hundred Men of the Royal Highlanders to march hither from Pittsburg as soon as I may think it expedient to forward Your Excellency's order & March Rout to the Commanding Officer at that Post. I am much obliged to Your Excellency for both Your Letter & the order & if I find it necessary to dispatch the latter to Pittsburg I shall instantly advise you thereof so that the Contractors Agents may have timely notice & be prepared to victual them on their March which I suppose they will easily do as the Country every where between this place & Fort Ligonier abounds with all kinds of Provisions, but as it might be doubted whether the Number of Men mentioned in Your Excellency's Order would be sufficient to protect the stamp't. Paper was it to be landed here or to quell any Insurrection which might arise on the Occasion I am not yet certain whether I shall forward it or not in case I can have the Paper secured on board one of His Majesty's Ships & no farther Violence should be committed here. I am very sorry to find that the Indignity offered Mr Hood & account of the Proceedings of the Mob that pulled