

Letter Bk. III such Account & remit it to Your Excellency with every Receipt and Voucher in my possession.

[Sharpe to St. Clair.]

To Sr John St Clair
Dr Sr

Ann^s 13th March 1762

General Amherst having lately informed me that the Lds of the Treasury have transmitted to him a Report made to them by the Earl of Loudoun Gen^l Abercrombie & General Stanwix in favour of the Officers & Men who composed the Maryland Troops & that their Ldps have also empowered him to give orders for the Payment of such Sums as on the Adjustment of their Accounts shall appear to be due to the Troops & to the Person who victualled them from the time our Assembly drop't them till Brig^r Forbes gave orders for their being Victualled by the Kings Commissary. Col^o Dagworthy & D^r Ross are now proceeding to N Y with their muster Rolls & other Vouchers in hopes that they shall at length be entirely relieved from the Difficulties into which they were brought in Consequence of that Letter whereby Lord Loudon engaged in case our Assembly should not to pay them out of the Military Chest. If you can by any means serve them or contribute to the expediting their Business I flatter myself you will not want Inclination to do them good Offices. As I do not know when I may again have the pleasure of seeing you for by what I can learn you are taking deep Root in your Farm I have committed to the Care of Col^o Dagworthy the manuscript you were some time ago pleased to put into my hands. I did till about three weeks ago entertain hopes that I should never more be laid under the necessity of applying to the Assembly of this Province for either Men or Money but I was it seems a little too sanguine in my Wishes, the Earl of Egremont & the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces on this Continent have once more demanded from us as large a Number of Men as can be raised in this Govern^t so next Monday the Assembly & I are to begin to play again the old Game. I am sorry to inform you that unless M^r Coutts shall speedily pay into our Loan Office the Ballance of about £140 which hath been long due from him to the publick on account of Taxes collected by him when he was Sheriff I shall be reduced to the necessity of ordering the Attorney Gen^l to proceed against him with Rigour; several Letters have been wrote to him by the Clerk of the Loan Office & M^r Ridout but he has not regarded them I wish therefore you would be so kind as to give him such an Inti-