

should I recommend the Matter to them, would not subject their Constituents to such an Expence; however to prevent any Disputes between such Parties of Indians & the Inhabitants in case they should want provisions as they pass thro this Province I have recommended it to Mr Thomas Cresap Father of the Person abovementioned who lives about fifteen miles on this Side Fort Cumberland to furnish with necessary Provisions such Indian Warriors as may apply to him & I have promised to lay his Accounts before the Assembly for Payment hoping they will not object to making him satisfaction tho at the same time I wish those Indians when they go to the Southward could be prevailed on to take their Rout (which in my opinion is equally convenient to them) by the way of Fort Cumberland where I understand one of the Kings Officers still resides in the Character of Fort Major, & is I presume authorized & enabled to receive & entertain such Friendly Indians as may at times take Occasion to call at that place. As I shall decline returning any Answer to the Indians Request till you shall be pleased to communicate to me Your Sentiments thereon I should also be obliged to you for informing me whether I may then take the Liberty to address my Answer to You or by what other means I may convey it to them.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Egremont.]

To the Earl of Egremont. Annapolis 25th Nov^r 1762
My Lord

I now do myself the honour to acknowledge my Receipt of & to return Your Ldp thanks for Your Letter dated the 14th of August by which you were pleased to notify to me the very important Event of Her Majesty's Delivery & the Birth of a Prince; As the Gentlemen of the Council in this Province & I have taken the liberty to express our Joy thereupon in Addresses to both our most gracious Sovereign & the Queen I have only to congratulate Your Lordship on an Event so conducive to His Majesty's Happiness & so highly interesting to the Nation & am with the utmost Respect Your Ldps most humble & mo obed^t Serv^t

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Letter Bk. IV

To Lord Baltimore the 25th Novem^r 1762.
My Lord

The Gentlemen of the Council being of Opinion that as it may probably be some time before the Assembly will meet again it would be better for us to Address Their Majesties