

which they have during their last Sessions so strenuously insisted on. If the Gentlemen of the Council are of opinion that the Lower House will not fall upon any other Method I desire the Favour of you to ask their Advice and Opinion whether I ought to call a new Assembly and if they shall advise that Step you will be pleased to order M^r Ross to issue Writs for a new Election, but if the Gentlemen should be averse to that Measure they will be so kind as to give their Advice about proroguing the Assembly to a longer Day than that to which it now stands prorogued, and M^r Ross will make out proclamations accordingly.

Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

I am Sir with the greatest Regard and Esteem, both
their and your most humble Servant
Fort Frederick the 10th Aug^t 1758: Hor^o Sharpe.

Camp at Carlisle July 20th 1758..

S^r

Having considered what you have told me concerning the Situation of your Maryland Troops, and particularly about the distressed Condition of the Officers and of M^r Ross by whom your Forces have been victualled since the Money which was granted by your Assembly for their Support was expended, and being very averse to your Troops being disbanded at this critical Juncture when in all Probability I shall have great Occasion for their Service, I am induced to advance a Sum of Money towards relieving those Gentlemen in some Measure from the Difficulties wherein they are involved by the late extraordinary Conduct of your Assembly, and to encourage your Troops to keep together during the Campaign

As I do not take upon myself to pay your Troops the Arrears that are due to them or satisfy M^r Ross but expect that your Assembly will out of the Supplies which they shall grant at their next Meeting appropriate a Sum for those purposes I shall not concern myself with any Accounts whatever, that I leave to your Assembly, or to such Persons as you or they may appoint, but what I advance, I advance upon the Credit of the Province to be repaid me out of the first Money that your Assembly may raise, and I desire you will communicate this Letter to them that they may be thoroughly apprised of my Intentions and Expectations.

p. 256

As I doubt not but your Assembly will notwithstanding what has lately happened be satisfied with my keeping your Troops together 'till the End of the Campaign I shall not