

that of the intire Defeat of General Bradock and the Forces on their March to Fort Du Quesne in the Ohio Country; The Loss of the General and Officers killed and wounded from Desertion on the Action by the Regular Forces sent hence, is hardly to be paralleled in History. It seems agreed they Run from the Enemy not seen, and were drove by Fire Arms from a Rabble of Savages and Canadians, Conducted by a few French Officers and Regulars. All Accounts acknowledge Our Officers stood and did their Duty, and had their Endeavours succeeded by Rallying the Men, the latter might have regain'd their Honour, Deem'd lost by Sudden Surprise! Unawares taken by Forces obscure in the woods. The General's conduct is much Arraign'd and not following Advice, the sending the American Provincial Forces to Reconnoitre the woods before him as he March'd; by which means would have Sprung the Enemy and gain'd a good Shot. These Troops is said did their Duty, His Lordship has peculiar Satisfaction therein as they were partly composed of Men from His Province.

By the Conveyance of this Unhappy Affair I received yours of June the 10th 28th and 29th also the 9th of July last, M^r Chamiers in your first I have not heard of. You therein acquaint me with your Receipt of mine of the 17th of March concerning the Carrying the Salt Act next Sessions of Parliament and of which you think a fair Prospect, I write doubtful, and fear it cannot be proposed during this troublesome time; as it Clashes in Interest with other Provinces who have shewn more Regard to the Necessity of His Majesty's Commands than here is allowed Maryland has done. With Respect to M^r Thornton's Induction into a Benefice, there being you say no Vacancy, My Lord desires you'l present him on a Vacancy. The Laws you mention in yours of the 28th passed in the Sessions of Assembly last March and by you sent, I have, His Lordship has perused them and has no Objection. You acknowledge mine of the 7th of April with His Lordship's Scarf to the Reverend M^r Gordon, which you'l take Care to deliver. To what you mention about M^r Hyde's Affair with the late Lord, M^r Tasker has sent me the whole Account, the Contents I am a Stranger to, however here Others knowing: There is Quit Rent due to this Lord which is Considerable, from M^r Hyde who claims the Lands under Powers given him from Samuel Hyde deceased. For this M^r Tasker or M^r Lloyd must gain His Lordship Satisfaction without Delay.

Yours of the 29th informs me of your Receipt of mine of the 16th of April about Doctor Sharpe. I hope you'l not be