

Annapolis. Novem^r 3^d. 1754

W^m J. Sharpe,

with His Majesty's & Id^o Baltimores Commission, I received
yesterday fortnight your kind & affectionate Letter dated
the 6th of July last apprising me of the honour that His
Majesty had been pleased to confer on me upon your
account & the favourable mention made of me by the Gent^l
to whom I have in pursuance of your Advice addressed
the enclosed Letters. I have taken a more early Opportu-
-nity of acknowledging the Receipt of Sr Tho: Robinson's
Letter with His Majesty's Commission but as there is a
probability of my Letter to him being miscarried, I thought
it not improper to desire you to present him also the
enclosed. I did but yesterday return from Virginia
where I had been since the 19th Just advising & consulting
with Governor Denwidie & M^r Dobbs on the most expe-
-dient measures for protecting these his Majesty's Dominions
from the Encroachments of his Enemies & in making some
Preparations for an Enterprize this winter against the
Enemy's Fort on Monongahela if we find it practica-
-ble & can draw a sufficient Body of Troops together
for that Service. The Forces already on Foot amount
to near 600 Men & I hope will be soon 1000 tho I have
learnt not to entertain very sanguine hopes of from the Resolu-
-tions of American Assemblies, from which Opinion of mine
I think you will see little Room for depending when you
consider with what Indifference they have hitherto behaved
& looked on the Incursions of their ambitious & insulting

Enemies