

Beginning of this week attack ^{kill} 11 of the Back Inhabitants
of that Province, & that many persons were missing who they
supposed were carried away prisoners. Our Assembly being at this
time convened I have apprized them of these Transactions &
desired them to empower me to raise & support a Company of
Rangers for the Protection of our Frontiers from such kind
of Incursions. They have not yet come to any Resolution,
& I know not what I am to expect in consequence of my Message.

June 20. 1755. John Sharpe Esq^r

Dear Sir
Since the Date of my last a Copy of which is inclosed
I have learnt that the General with the Troops under his
Command left Fort Cumberland the 10th Inst, that they had
advanced about 20 Miles from that place, westward the 22.
In their March so far they have been put to a good many Diffi-
culties by the inequality of the Ground they have been obliged
to pass, & the Madness of the Roads which were almost impracti-
cable for Waggon & the Artillery, however as he must have
descended into a more Level Country by this time we hope we
expect in 8 or 10 Days to receive News from Fort Duquesne.
Letters from the Camp tell me that their advanced Guard
had discovered a Party of the Enemy, but that a Skirmish
ensued wants Confirmation - Our Assembly is now sitting
they have shewn pretty good Temper & Moderation hitherto, but
the Bill they have this Morning sent up for £5000 - is
very similar to that lately rejected as to its Matter & Form so
it must consequently meet with the same Fate: Pray on
what is your Opinion with respect to his Lordships Right
to the Ordinary Licence Times & those arising from Licences
granted Hawkers & Pedlars founded. Our Lawyers seem to entertain
different Sentiments & many of his Ld's Council appear