

constructed thereon] which I will send you & if you approve thereof will join with you in having them perfected immediately a place of strength somewhere on our Frontiers I think the present posture of Affairs requires [I know of no other spot so proper & convenient but what is commanded by some adjacent Hills as is the case with Fort Cumberland; from this I would propose to have a Line of small Forts or Block Houses built in both Provinces & if it can be so agreed in Pens^a also whereby I think the Enemy would be deterred from sending any more parties to commit Devastations on our Borders by the Difficulty they would find in securing a Retreat.] I see by the Gazette that the Pens^a Assembly has given Gov^r Morris leave to expect a Sum of Money from them at this time for his Majesty's Service, if they prepare such a Bill as he can accept I shall immediately summon ours to meet in hopes they will as heretofore follow the Quakers Example

[To Wm^o & J. Sharpe Esq^s August 11th]

D^r Sir

The 23 of July I gave you as particular an Account as I had then been able to get of the fatal Engagement that happened between the English Troops commanded by Gen^l Foraddock & the Indians & French from Fort du Chesne on the 4th of that month; from Madensburg whence that Letter was dated I proceeded the Day after towards Fort Cumberland whither I was about to send some fatted Venison (which I imagined the Troops must have wanted) when I was informed that they had plenty of every thing at the