

been miscarried & I condemn'd for not duly acknowledging the Receipt of
them & returning Answers. I have been near a fortnight at this Place, waiting
the Commands of Lord Loudoun who desired Governor Dobbs Mr
Dinwiddie & Myself to meet him here the 27th Inst. but by what I can
find I shall not have the pleasure of seeing His L^{dy} nor be at Liberty
to return home for some time. At present His L^{dy} is endeavouring to
persuade the Eastern Gov^{ts} to take such Measures & grant such Supplies
as may enable him to act offensively next Summer & I presume he will
desire us to press our respective Assemblies to follow their Example, but
I hope the Execution of His L^{dy}'s Plan is not to depend on the Resolutions of
any American Assemblies, if it must I shall be much afraid for the Event
few of our People seem to be sufficiently sensible of all the Dangers that threaten
them & fewer disposed to contribute generously to remove those that they can
not help perceiving. Some Men have indeed been supported by each of the
Colonies for the immediate Protection of their own Frontiers but as these
cannot be kept on foot without Expence they have talk'd in Virginia & in
this Province more particularly of disbanding them however I cannot believe
that the Assemblies will be extravagant enough to take so extraordinary a Measure.
I shall address a Letter to Brother William after I have seen Lord Loudoun
& before I leave Phil^a. I may then perhaps have something worthy Notice
to communicate, at present I have Nothing but I am D^r B. G^rmo aff^s

To William Sharpe Esq. Phil^a 24 March 1757

D^r B^r
As I shall not probably have any other Opportunity of transmitting
Letters to England for some time by reason of an Embargo which the Earl
of Loudoun has ordered to be laid in the several Colonies I write now by
the Packet to acquaint You that in Obedience to a Letter which I received
from His L^{dy} I came hither with Gov^r Dinwiddie the 16th of last Month
expecting