

have continued war since the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct. last without Pay in Expectation that the  
Assembly would at this time raise Money to pay them & he proposes to advance a  
sum of Money on the Credit of the Province to encourage them to keep together till  
the End of the Campaign in hopes that the Assembly will at their next Session  
be prevailed on to repay what he shall so advance & likewise provide for their farther  
Support: As soon as those of them that are at Fort Frederick & on our Frontiers re-  
ceive Orders to march westward which I expect they will in about three Weeks, I  
shall proceed to that Post with two Companies of Militia & use my best Endeavours  
to protect our Frontier Inhabitants with them during the Continuance of the Expedi-  
tion. As a particular Account of the many Objections that the Gent<sup>l</sup>s of our  
Upper House of Assembly made to the Supply Bill which was offered them & of what  
the other Gentlemen urged in Support of it could not be well comprized within the Bounds  
of a Letter, I have declined entering into a Detail of them, but I have transmitted  
a Copy of the Bill together with all the Proceedings of the two Houses of Assembly  
thereupon to the Lord Proprietary that in Case you shall be pleas'd to call for them  
or to require a more particular Account of the Proceedings of our Assembly on this Occasion  
they may be ready to be laid before you. We are told by some Cherokee Indians  
that have been lately in Sight of Fort Duquesne that the Number of the Enemy  
there at this time does not exceed four or five hundred, most of whom go over the Ohio  
every Day & are employ'd on a Work that the French are building on the western  
Side of the River about half a mile from their old Fort.

To William Sharpe Esq. Frederick Town the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1760.

P. B.  
We hear that Admiral Boscawen is sail'd from Halifax for Louisburg with upwards  
of 13000 Land Forces: & that General Abercromby with about 5000 Regulars & 15000 or  
16000 Provincials has left Albany & is advancing towards Crown Point; but when Genl.  
Gardier Forbes will move with his Army I cannot tell for neither Montgomerys Detach-  
ment from Carolina nor the Artillery & Stores that were expected from Europe are  
yet arriv'd, & altho the Pensilvanians have very nearly compleated their 3000 Men &  
the Virginians their 2000 yet it will be a long time before they will be arm'd & re-  
equipp'd, as the Assemblies relying on Mr Secretary Pitts Letter have not made any  
Provision for that purpose. Upon our Assemblys breaking up without empowering