

To William Sharpe Esq. Annapolis the 24th Sept 1757

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Having upon my Receipt of the Letter You were pleased to send me with the 31st of March last intimated to the Officers who lately commanded the Maryland Troops that the Earl of Loudoun was making Application in their Behalf & that in my Opinion it would not be amiss for them to draw up a State of their Case & of their Claims to be presented to the Secretary of State for this Department I expected that they would have put such a One into my hands before this time that it may be transmitted by this Fleet, but as several of the Officers have died since last Campaign & many of those who survive are out of the Province it has been very difficult for their Agent to collect their respective Accounts so as to be thereby enabled to draw up a true State of the Affairs I begin to question whether it will be perfected before the Convoys sail.

As You were so kind as to tell me that if I had any Accounts of my own ag^t the Gov^t would transmit them You would use Your Endeavours to get them in a way for Payment I take the Liberty to inclose You one amounting to more than £600 for the greatest part of which Sum I have at times been under a Necessity of expending in order to comply with the Requisitions of His Majesty's Generals.

It may perhaps be said that these are contingent Expenses to which the Station of every Gov^t in N America at this time renders him liable & that since at such Meetings as we attended at Phil^a & N York we were sent as it were our respective Provinces our Assemblies ought to reimburse Us; The Gov^t of N York & Penn^a have I am told been reimbursed in that manner but if my sole Dependance for a Reimbursement must be on the Assembly my Case with regard to that Account is really desperate. As to the Expenses that I was at during my Stay on the Frontiers