

much straitned in time and the Post just going I must pray your honour to send Copies of this to Governor Dinwiddie and Governor Sharp.

I am with great Respect

Sir

Your Honours most obedient
Humble Servant

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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My Ld

The Assembly of this province met last Monday; the time that has since intervened they have employed in preparing a Bill for £5000—to be granted to his Majesty & raised much after the same manner as was in the last Session proposed; as they have again appropriated the Ordinary Lycences & those of Pedlars to replace the money that must be taken out of the Loan Office The Bill must according to your Ldps Instructions meet with the same Fate, as did that which was presented the last Session. This Morning I received Letters from the Troops who were the 22^d Inst. when my Letters were Dated about 40 Miles westward from Fort Cumberland, the Difficulty of getting Waggon & heavy Baggage over the Mountains has retarded them a good Deal as your Lordship will conceive when you are informed that the General has been 12 Days marching these 40 Miles. A small Body of French had been discovered by their advanced Guard, but it is not confirmed to me that they have had any Skirmish I hope & expect Fort Du Quesne will at least be invested by the Middle of next Week. This Morning I received Letters from Col^o Innes Commandant of Fort Cumberland, & Colo Cresap advising me that on last Monday morning a party of French Indians fell upon some of the distant Inhabitants of Frederick C^{ty} of whom they killed three with the Loss of only one of their own party & carried Eight away prisoners. By other Letters from Virg^a I am informed that another party of these Barbarians have also murdered Eleven of the Back Inhabitants of that province & carried as there is reason to suspect many more into Captivity I immediately communicated this Intelligence to the Assembly & requested them to enable me to provide against & prevent such Accidents for the future, in Answer to my Message they presented the following Address—“Resolved that this House will make suitable provision for the paying & maintaining 80 Men including Officers for 4 months (if Occasion) for ranging on the Frontiers of this Province to protect