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nished with Ammunition, and have a standing order to march to the Aid and Assistance of the Forces already appointed on the Requisition of the Commander of them, and that this Order should be more particularly given and enforced in such Parts of your Province as are most nearly situated to those Forces or the Passes through which the Enemy can enter without waiting for any further orders from you: From your Zeal for the Public Service I cannot doubt of your complying with this Recommendation, and hope if the necessary orders are given, and strictly obeyed by them to receive the same Benefit from your Militia that we did lately on the Enemy's Attempt on Fort William Henry from the Militia in the upper parts of this Country. I shall send a Copy of this to Col<sup>o</sup> Stanwix, to whom by Philadelphia I desire you will communicate the Orders you give, and to whom, that he may know what Officers of your Militia to call upon on any Emergency, and that you will likewise transmit a Copy to me at New York

I am with great Regard Sir  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> hble serv<sup>t</sup>  
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Letter Bk.III

[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

5<sup>th</sup> May 1757—

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I was sorry to find by your Letter dated the 5<sup>th</sup> of April that you have been indisposed since your Return to Williamsburg, I hope you are e'er this perfectly recovered & that you will long continue to enjoy a good State of health. Before Colo. Washington left Annapolis I gave him a Letter to Capt Dagworthy to be delivered as soon as the Col<sup>o</sup> should receive your orders to withdraw the Virginians from Fort Cumberland & I learn that in pursuance of my Instructions Capt Dagworthy has taken Possession of that place with a Detachment of 150 effective Men from the Troops in the Pay of this Province. You will see by the inclosed Copy of a Return which Capt Dagworthy has sent me what quantity of Provisions & Stores were delivered to him on his Arrival at the Fort & in what Condition they were delivered. He informs me that the Beef is so very bad that the Men will not touch it & that he is obliged to victual them entirely with Fish till a fress Supply of Provisions can be sent him from Fort Frederick. You will be pleased to write to Col<sup>o</sup> Washington & to give him orders to remove or destroy the Beef as you shall think proper. As the Gentlemen of the Assembly did not come to Annapolis accord-