

Letter Bk. I. engage most Men by the 8th of next Month, but I am afraid that neither this nor any Step that can be taken will be effectual, Many Men are not to be got at this time but by an Impress, & that is a Method of raising Soldiers that the Assembly will not again agree to. I have at length perfected the Rent Roll that has kept me employed so long. You will receive it by Capt Curling who will I suppose sail with Capt Hamilton by whom I intend to send this Letter. You will also receive by the same Conveyance the Map of Prince Georges County & the plats of the Mannours that have been returned by the Surveyors & Stewards of them respectively. I embrace this opportunity to remit you Bills of Excha. for £125 Stg. & am with the greatest Regard S^r

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Wm. Sharpe.]

1st June 1757

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Governor Dinwiddie & the Council of Virginia having thought proper to take off the Embargo in that Dominion the 8th of last Month without receiving any Instructions from Lord Loudoun to do so. I have at length upon the Representations that have been since made by the Trading People of this Province & with the Advice of the Council permitted the Naval Officers to suffer some Vessels that were almost loaded when the Embargo was laid to sail from this Province likewise & I embrace the opportunity to acquaint you that soon after my Return from Phila^a where I was detained a long time at a considerable Expence I met our Assembly & with a great Deal of Difficulty prevailed on them to provide for the Support of the Number of Men that Lord Loudoun was pleased to require from this Province. It seems the Gentⁿ did not approve of their Governor's stipulating that they should furnish any certain Quota, & therefore tho they were obliged to acknowledge that it was a very moderate one they endeavoured to clog the Bill with every Clause that they thought would be disagreeable, however I have after some cavilling obtained Leave to augment the Troops in the Pay of this Province to 500, but they have absolutely refused to comply with one of Lord Loudouns principal Requisitions which was that the Men should be put under the Direction of Col^o Stanwix or the Officer that should be appointed to command such Forces as may be employed for His Majesty's Service in these Parts. This was also recommended to us in a particular manner by the Secretary of State, but I am sorry to say that the Assembly of this Province as well as that of a Neighbouring one seems to take pleasure in shewing their