

to the Westward under the Command of Brig^r Monkton Letter Bk. IV
 (who succeeds Gen^l Stanwix) in Conjunction with the first
 Battalion of the Royal American Reg^t & Part of the Virg^a
 Corps. The Rest of the Virginians are marched to cover the
 South Western Part of that Colony from the Incursions of the
 Cherokees who have lately done some Mischief there as well
 as on the Borders of North Carolina, & in So Carolina they
 have done infinite Mischief, but as the 1200 Highlanders who
 were lately sent thither from N York are arrived there & are
 marching towards the Frontiers it is hoped a Stop will be
 shortly put to the Career of those Savages. According to an
 Account that is inserted in the Phil^a Gazette of the 1st Inst.
 which is said to be given by four French Deserters who lately
 came to Albany, the Enemy had collected together to Montreal
 15000 Men in order to attack Quebec in case a Fleet should
 come this Spring from Old France as was expected to assist
 them; The Men of War that have wintered at Halifax were
 to sail for the River St. Lawrence the 20th of last Month & it
 is supposed that General Amherst hath before this time left
 N York, 'tis said that he has sent orders to the Commanding
 Officer at Louisburg to destroy all the Fortifications & Works
 of that Place, & 'tis also reported that there has been a great
 Mortality lately among the Troops that were left in Garrison
 at Ticonderoga & Crown Point but I know not how far these
 Accounts may be credited—

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 4th May 1760. & transmitted by Capt.

Sir

The last Letters that I had the honour of addressing to His
 Ldp & Yourself were dated the 27th of March & my principal
 Design in writing them was to solicit Leave to fill up the next p. 71
 vacant Seat that might happen in the Council with M^r Ridout
 who you may remember came with me from England & as I
 am of Opinion that he is both worthy & capable to serve His
 Ldp in any Station wherein He may be pleased to employ him
 I earnestly hope my Application in his favour will meet with
 both His Ldp's & Your Approbation. At the same time I
 informed His Ldp & you that in Consequence of another
 Letter from M^r Sec^y Pitt I had been obliged to convene the
 Assembly once more & to ask of them Supplies for His Maj-
 esty's Service. From the Address which was presented to me
 by the Lower House in Answer to my Speech at the opening
 of the Session I concluded that they would again pursue the
 same measures which they have so stedfastly adhered to for
 these three Years past, & the Issue of the Session has shewn