

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Hardy.]

Annapolis the 13th of May 1757.

Sir

At the same time that I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 30th of April & 2^d Inst. I beg leave to congratulate you on your Receipt of orders to hoist your Flag & most heartily wish you Success, I also return you thanks for forwarding the Packett from M^r Secretary Pitt & am &c

[Sharpe to Loudoun.]

13th May 1757—

My Lord

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Ldp's Letters from N York dated the 30th of April & the 5th Inst. I observe what your Lordship says concerning your Disposition of the Troops as well Regulars as Provincial that you propose to leave under the Command of Gen^l Webb & Col^o Stanwix & shall use my utmost Endeavours to raise the Men that are expected from this Province. In Obedience to your Ldp's Commands I have issued a Proclamation requiring all Officers of the Militia to exercise the Men under their Command & to see that they provide themselves with Arms & Ammunition I have also sent more particular Instructions to the principal Militia Officers in the Frontier Counties as your Ldp will see by the inclosed Copy. Our Assembly have at length impowered me to augment the Troops in the Pay of this Province to 500 Men & I have given Commissions for that purpose but really I do not think it will be possible to compleat the two Additional Companies this Summer Men disposed to enlist are become so exceedingly scarce. It was not without great difficulty that I prevailed with the Assembly to come into this Measure & I am sorry to inform your Ldp that they have now done it with such a Reservation as prevents the Men's being disposed of exactly in the manner that your Ldp was pleased to propose. Upon my Return from Phil^a the Virginians being ordered to evacuate Fort Cumberland I sent Orders to Capt Dagworthy to march with a Detachment of the Troops in the pay of this Province to take possession of that place, but he had scarcely arrived there before the Assembly gave me to understand that they did by no means approve of the Orders I had given & that they would never agree to support a Garrison in that Fort. No Endeavours of mine were wanting to convince them of the Impropriety of such a Resolution at this time but I had the