

To John I. Sharp Esquire, dated at Fort Frederick 13 July 1756  
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As I have not much leisure to write, nor much News to communicate to you from this Place, I think I cannot do better than inclose you a Copy of a Letter which I have just writ to Sir Baltimore; Doubt with its Contents were of another Nature, but really some Steps that have been taken at home, compell me to speak my Sentiments pretty freely to His Lordship; I have before hinted to you what Chancellors all preferment has gone thro since I have been honoured with His L<sup>ds</sup> Commission, & if a Reformation be not shortly made the Authority of a Governor in this Province will be a very Shadow. I have writ pretty much in the same stile to Mr Galvest but in such a way as I think he cannot take Offence thereat. It is I think more than probable that he will speak to yourself or Brother William thereon if he should; I hope you will be able to convince him that a Governor without Power to oblige or reward as well as to punish can never make many Friends & that it is more than likely that a Majority of those who obtain Favours without my Approbation or Interest set light by my Power or commence my Enemies, if you can inculcate this Doctrine, I think you will do His L<sup>ty</sup> great Service at the same time that you add another Favour to the many by which you have made me if most oblig'd

To Major General Abercrombie, Fort Frederick 14 July 1756

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favour by Major Matherford & to congratulate you on your Arrival in America, where I heartily wish you all happiness & Success I beg you will think that Nothing shall be wanting on my Part to promote & forward the Service in which Major Matherford & the other Gentlemen of the Royal Americans are at this time engaged; I have already writ to our Magistrates to assist the Recruiting Parties that may be ordered to this Province & to contribute towards the Completion of that Corps as much as lies in their Power. I am much oblig'd to your Excellency for forwarding to me the Packett from the Secretary of State, in Obedience to His L<sup>ty</sup>s Letter I have already sent a particular Account of the State & Condition of this Province in a Let<sup>r</sup> directed to Col. Webb or the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in America, which I presume will be laid before you & at the same time I also inform'd him that the Assembly of this Province has lately granted the Sum of £100000 in £25000 for His Majesty's Service Part thereof is particularly appropriated to build a Fort on the Frontiers of this Province & to support two Companies of 100 Men each till next Feby for the Protection of our backs