

Letter that he sent me by this Person I know not what Credit will  
be given to the Report. Our Agents were pleased to tell me in answer  
what I said to them in favour of a Light House that it was a new  
matter to them & therefore not hastily to be determined on & I believe they  
never will make any such Act as you desire & as I recommended to them  
I am

To John Sharpe Esq. the 10 of Octr 1756.

Dr Sir

In my last dated 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. I informed you that in consequence of a  
Letter from the Earl of Loudoun I had issued a proclamation for the Assembly to  
meet the next Day being unwilling to give them any room to begin Disputes or  
protract the Session I only recommended it to them in a short & simple Speech  
to appropriate part of the Money that was already raised to such Uses as the  
Secretary of State & Lord Loudoun required. Had they been disposed to promote His  
Majesty's Service they may have framed a Bill for that purpose in a Day or  
two at furthest - but notwithstanding the alarming Situation of Affairs at  
that time & the Importance of His L<sup>ds</sup> for Men, our cool & circumspect  
Gent<sup>rs</sup> sat a fortnight persuading each other that Oswego could not have fallen  
into the hands of the French as His L<sup>ds</sup> had represented & consequently that  
there was not an absolute necessity for their making such provision as I had  
desired. however as the Gazette Writers have since convinced them that their wise  
Conjectures were really without any Foundation, they have at length proceeded to  
frame a Bill for Appropriating £3000 to raise 300 Men for the Royal Ame-  
ricans, £2000 to purchase & transport provision to the Army & another Sum for  
finishing Fort Frederick & augmenting the Garrison with 100 Men. The Bill  
received my Assent yesterday & I have rid myself of a Parcel of wretches whom  
Company I begin sincerely to detest. The Virg<sup>ia</sup> Assembly met a few Days after  
ours & having granted £5000 for raising 500 Men for the Royal American Re-  
giment & a pretty large Sum for the Support & Encouragement of a Body of  
Cherokee that they expect will join them broke up within a week while we  
have to our Reproach sat five times as long doing less business. The Constitu-  
ents have also I find with much Difficulty been prevailed on to waive their

Disputes