

Letter Bk. I. took the Liberty in my Letters dated feby 10<sup>th</sup> to represent to his Ldp & yourself, I could not upon his Request refuse to  
 p. 91 submit to his Ldp the Contents of the abovementioned Letter. Herewith you will be pleased to receive an Account of the Exportations from this Province in the year 1753. I did intend to have sent a similar account of the Importations, & made a Calculation of the Number of Seamen employed in the Trade of the Province & as far as Possible stated the Ballance of Trade between us & the several Places we trade to, but it being not compleat I hope you will excuse my deferring to transmit it till the next opportunity of Conveyance.

I am &c.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Letter to His Ldp inclosing one to S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Robinson dated at Williamsburg in Virginia Oct<sup>r</sup> 25. 1754.

My Lord

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Ldp's Commission & private Instruction bearing Date the 6<sup>th</sup> of July together with His Majesty's gracious Commission to me to take the Command of the Forces that shall be raised on this part of the Continent to protect his Majesty's Dominions from the Encroachments & Devastations of his presumptuous Enemies. Having endeavoured to express my gratitude for His Majestys favour in a Lett<sup>r</sup> to S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Robinson which your Lordsp will be pleased to deliver, I beg your Ldp will not refuse at the same time to accept my thanks & most grateful Acknowledgments for your Ldp's kind Indulgence to me & so readily consenting to dispense with my attendance on the  
 p. 92 Administration of your Ldp's Govern<sup>t</sup> in Case His Majesty's Commands & Service should require my Absence from your Ldps Province. I have taken the Liberty to inclose your Ldp a Copy of my Letter to His Majestys Secretary of State & to acquaint your Ldps Secretary with the Steps I have taken & am about to follow in pursuance of your Lordship's permitting me to accept His Majestys Commission. Your Ldp will not I hope entertain the least Apprehensions that your Ldps Interest or Service may be in any respect neglected by my acceptance of His Majestys Commission or that I will ever whether present in or absent from the Province desist from endeavouring to promote to the utmost of my power your Ldp's Interest & honour & the welfare of your Ldps Province & at all times to pay the most punctual Obedience to whatever Instructions & Commands you may at any time be pleased to have signified to your Ldp's most devoted &c.