

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Letter Bk. I.

Williamsburg in Virginia Oct<sup>r</sup> 25. 1754.  
transmitted by Capt. Yuill.S<sup>r</sup>

I have taken this Opportunity of requesting His Ldp to present to Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Robinson my Acknowledgment for His Majestys Commission (which I have lately been honored with) in a Letter of which I have inclosed His Ldp a Copy in one which you will be pleased to present to himself Governor Dobbs who brought me His Majesty's & His Ldps Commission dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of July with your kind Favour of the same Date arrived at this Place but the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst. The Garland Man of War having met with a very severe Storm off of this Coast (in which Her Main-Mast was carried away by the Board) that prevented her reaching Virginia in less than 12 weeks after her Departure from Spithead. As soon as Governor Dinwiddie signified to me that M<sup>r</sup> Dobbs was arrived & that His Majesty's Pleasure would be obeyed by my coming to Williamsburg before Gover<sup>r</sup> Dobbs should depart for North Carolina I immediately took the Liberty to leave Annapolis & came hither the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst. where I have been entirely taken up ever since in consulting with those Gent<sup>rn</sup> on the most expedient Measures for promoting His Majesty's Service & in making preparations for putting those measures in Execution. As you will have submitted to your perusal the Copy of my Letter to Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Robinson I hope I shall be excused for not mentioning what Plan of Operations is agreed on here, & for hastening to pay you my most sincere thanks for the favour of your kind Letter & your earnest wishes for my Success & Prosperity therein so ardently expressed. You will do me the Justice to believe that your kind Remembrance of me to get my name mentioned to His Majesty makes no slight Impression on my mind; & you will not I flatter myself in the least doubt but it will be always my constant Study to deserve the Continuance of a Share of your Esteem & Regard, as well as to approve myself not entirely unworthy of the honour that His Majesty has been pleased to confer on me. You will be obliging enough to assure His Lordship that I will not in the least neglect His Ldps Affairs & that in case I do at any time absent myself from His Ldp's Province for a short time I will not fail to leave the President such of his Ldps & other Instructions as may be requisite & conducive to the Advancement of His Ldp's honour & Interest & the good Administration of the Affairs of his Government. Your Desire that I will keep up a frequent Correspondence with yourself I will most punctually comply with & will let slip no opportunity of acquainting