

likely to obtain the End desired, of which I conceive he will himself acquaint you. A few Days after I had obeyed his Ldp's Instructions by issuing a Commission to M^r Calvert & Doctor Steuart as Joint Iudges of the Land Office they both came & presented me the inclosed Acco^t of the Annual Income of Fees to the Land Office which they assert is an exact Acco^t the Deductions therein made not more than actually happen & are allowed, & the neat Tobacco valued at as high a Rate as it will at present bear. I did not say any thing to their Representation but only that I would inclose it when I writ to you again which I now take the Liberty to do. I have acquainted His Ldp very particularly what the General is doing & about to execute this Summer: As his Ldp will acquaint you with those Affairs I hope to be excused for not writing particularly thereon to you at present which you will be kind enough to attribute to the short time that I could call my own lately & to my being obliged to depart this Afternoon to wait on the General at Frederickton next Tuesday Evening

Letter Bk. I.

I am with the greatest Respect.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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My Ld

I am sorry to be obliged to acquaint your Ldp how averse the House of Burgesses have shewn themselves to making any Amendments in the Inspection Law in Obedience to your Ldps Request & Requisition, of which I advised them as soon as I had the honour to receive your Ldp's Instruction upon my communicating to the Gent^l of the Council the Address of the Lower House in answer to my message they told me that the Obstinacy of the Delegates in that matter would determine them to prepare an Address to your Ldp which they hoped I would not refuse to present, & tho I w^d not presume to urge any thing myself after your Ldp has signified your pleasure & Determination concerning that Law yet I thought myself obliged to comply with their Desire by transmitting the inclosed in a Letter to your Ldp. The proceedings of both Houses & the Consequence & Issue of their Meeting with respect to the Business & Service on w^{ch} they were convened your Ldp will learn from the Iournals now sent to be submitted to your Ldp & I should receive the greatest Satisfaction from knowing that your Ldp does not disapprove of the part which I have acted therein. The Letter that I did myself the honour to write the 12th of March informed your Ldp that General