

Letter Bk. II. Assembly also have been equally dilitory no Bill being yet brought into the House & I have reason to fear that when one shall make its Appearance twill be such as I am not at liberty to accept. I do not learn that the second Packett is arrived at N York if she should bring any news of Consequence I have desired Gov^r Morris to communicate it to me by an Express & I shall take Care to forward it to y^r Honour & should any Vessel arrive in Virg^a & bring Lett^s for me from Europe or News of Importance I shall think myself extremely obliged to you for dispatching a special Messenger therewith to S^r &c.

Original.

[Robert Sterling to Sharpe.]

Kent County Goal March 21st 1756Hon^d Sir

In Consequence of Fresh and positive Orders which I receiv'd by an Express last Thursday, I have Inlisted Some Servants, and am now in Confinement for it. My Orders are to apply to your Excellency in Such a Case and hope you will fall on some measures for my Enlargement, as the Service has already Suffer'd by my Confinement.

I am with the greatest respect

Your Excellencies most devoted humble servant

Robert Sterling

Original.

[Sharpe to Dorsey.]

The Governor's Compliments to Mr. Dorsey, & shall be much obliged to him for his Opinion on and Answers to the following Questions—

Whether a Servant indented bonâ fide has a right to enlist in His Majestys Service?

Whether a Military Officer enlisting Such Servant knowing or not knowing him to be such is in either and which Case liable to an Action?

Whether the Governor as Governor can discharge such Action?

Annapolis March 22, 1756

Original.

[Dorsey to Sharpe.]

Queries

as to the 1st I am of Opinion that a Master has a Property in the Labour of his Indented Servant for the time he has con-