

Letter Bk. II. Address respecting the Enlistment of Servants. Our people are with Difficulty hindered from committing violence on such Occasions. One of the Officers was two Days ago arrested & taken into Custody for entertaining Servants; as soon as I was advised thereof I ordered the Sheriff to let him have his Liberty upon his giving his parole not to leave the Province till the Sheriff should be indemnified for releasing him, & having advised with the Council thereon I shall agreeable to their Advice order the Attorney Gen^l to defend the Young Gentⁿ who I am afraid has proceeded a little farther than the Gen^l intended upon a Supposition that I should be able to support him. I am much obliged to you for your promise to forward any Lett^{rs} that may come directed for me by the Packett & am

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Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Shirley.]

23^d March 1756. AnnapolisS^r

I delay a Gentⁿ who is passing thro this place towards Boston to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favour of the 5th Inst by Col^o Washington who is just arrived here in his Way to Virginia. I have not time to answer particularly that part of your Letter which relates to the Dispute between the Virginia Field Officers & Capt Dagworthy. The Letter I writ to the latter from New York on that Subject would I apprehend have prevented any uneasiness between Colonel Washington & him had the Colonel went to Fort Cumberland since that time. however I conceive all possibility of Dispute must be now removed by the Orders that I sent Capt Dagworthy some time ago to leave that place & come down among the Frontier Inhabitants. Information was given me yesterday that one M^r Sterling a Lieutenant in his Majesty's 48th Regiment was a few Days since arrested in this Province on an Action for Tresspass for entertaining Indented Servants, as soon as I received such Information I communicated it to the Council who as it was a Civil Action for Damages, which I could not as Governor discharge, advised me to recommend it to the Young Gentlⁿ to give Bail & then to order the Attorney Gen^l to defend before the Iudges of Assize his Proceedings under your Orders. Agreeable to this Advice I have writ to M^r Sterling to give Bail for his Appearance at the Court & to send me a true State of his Case that I may lay it before the Attorney Gen^l & order him to prepare for making his Defence. I presume M^r Sterling has not neglected to advise you or his Superiour Officer of his Situation & I shall be glad to know