

Letter Bk. III vent the Exportation of Provisions to any of the Enemy's or any Neutral Ports except Lisbon & Madeira, & as soon as I am permitted to return home I shall take Care to extend the Prohibition to these two places also & take effectual measures to prevent any Vessels sayling from Maryland with Provisions till Bond has been given by the Owners or Masters of them agreeable to your Lordship's Instructions. Some of our Vessels that traded to his Majesty's American Islands have lately fallen into the Enemy's hands but there does not appear to be the least room to suspect any Collusion; I flatter myself None of His Majesty's Maryland Subjects will give Offence by such Practices but if any of them should give room for Suspicion your Ldps may be assured that no Endeavours of mine shall be wanting to discover the Offenders & to bring them to Punishment. I am &c.

[Sharpe to Dr. Gregory Sharpe.]

Phila<sup>a</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> feb<sup>y</sup> 1757—

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As no other opportunity of Conveyance will probably offer for some time I shall send this by the first Packett that might be dispatched from N York to let you know that the Letter which you writ from Bristol in Oct<sup>r</sup> last reached me before I left Maryland but not before our last Vessels were sailed for London. The Ship by which you sent it fell into the hands of an Enemy but the Master was afterwards suffered to ransom her & proceed on his Voyage otherwise I should not till I arrived here have been shocked with the News of my Brother's Death nor before this time have felt what I have thereupon already suffered. The Loss to me is grievous & irreparable but since I am persuaded that I have no reason to lament on his Account, I will not repine at this Act of Providence on my own, but rather be grateful for the Friends that survive to me & think myself sufficiently happy in not being yet destitute of Brothers that are truly entitled to that Appellation. It gives me great Satisfaction to learn that Brother Will<sup>m</sup> enjoys better health than he had lately done & that you are also well, for this Information I thank you & desire nothing more than that you may continue to send me the same Account. It is now almost a twelve month since I received any Letters from England except of yours & a short one of little Consequence from M<sup>r</sup> Calvert, this I mention lest any of Brother Williams or your own should have been miscarried & I condemned for not duly acknowledging the Receipt of them & returning Answers. I have been near a fortnight at this Place waiting the Commands of Lord Loudoun who desired Governor Dobbs M<sup>r</sup> Din-