

Hough deceased, We desire the favour of Your Excellency (in case of M^r Randolphs absence) to admit Mr. Ridout to his duty on his executing the Bond enclosed in the Letter to the Surveyor General and taking the Oaths enjoined by Law and grant him a Certificate thereof to be transmitted to Us

We are, Sir your Excellency's

Custom house London most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}

29th March 1760

P. Pack C. Amyand
J. Evelyn H Pelham

His Excellency the Governor of Maryland

[Sharpe to Christopher Kilby.]

Letter Bk. III

Annapolis the 10th April 1760—

Sir

I am sorry I can give no other Answer to the Letter you were pleased to write from N York the 22^d of last Month than that the late Proceedings of our Assembly leave me no room to hope that they will be prevailed on to grant any more Money for His Majesty's Service during the War & that I have now very little Reason to think they ever intended to discharge the Debts which were contracted on Account of the Maryland Troops after the 8th of Oct^r 1757 when the money which had been before granted for their Support was entirely expended. This being the Case I must submit it to Yourself to proceed in such manner as you shall think best for a Reimbursement of the £1500 which you were the Summer before last pleased to advance D^r Ross in Order to prevent his being ruined by having continued to Victual the Maryland Troops after the time abovementioned. I presume you remember that what D^r Ross did after that time was done in Consequence of Letters from the Earl of Loudoun to me & from General Stanwix to the Doctor & that he had great Reason to hope either His Ldp or the General would take measures for his being paid, As he was however unhappily disappointed in such his Expectations & the Money due to him for Provisions furnished to the Maryland Troops amounts to a very considerable Sum more than what you were so kind as to advance him & as he could no longer hope to be paid by the Assembly he thought fit in Sept^r last to address a State of his Case & a Petition for Relief to the R^t hon^{ble} M^r Secretary Pitt to whom I took the Liberty to transmit the same the latter End of that Month. In this State he has mentioned the Letters which Gen^l Stanwix was pleased to send him & also advised M^r Pitt of Your having advanced him the Sum of £1500 & Brig^r Forbes a farther Sum in order to support his Credit untill he should be able to recover the Money that was