

Letter Bk. III Appeal home they may be relieved yet that having no Correspondents at Providence to become joint Sureties with the Masters of their Vessels agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Parliament, they were deprived of the Benefit of Appealing, Some Gentlemen of this Province who are Owners of a Vessel called the Alexandria of which one John Cullom is Master being apprehensive that she might possibly be captured by some Privateer belonging to Providence & dealt with in the same manner tho they seem confident that she is not liable to be seized or condemned have requested it as a favour of me to write to you (as they have no Correspondent in the Bahama Islands) & beg that in Case she should be captured on her present Voyage & on any Suggestions be libelled & condemned in Your Government you will be so kind as to prevail on some responsible Person to become joint Security with the master on his Appealing home so that he may be again put in Possession of his Vessel & Cargo & they not be strip't of their Property only for want of having Correspondents in Your Govern't who might give Security for them on an Appeal to England. As they seem to be very confident that neither their Vessel nor Cargo is liable to be made Prize or to Forfeiture & have executed a Bond to indemnify me & whoever shall give Security for them in Consequence of my Application & Request to you; & as I have a Regard for them I could not refuse their Solicitation & hope that if there should be Occasion & Capt Cullom should address himself to Your Excellency, you will for the Benefit of his Owners shew him all the Countenance & afford him all the Assistance in Your Power consistent with the Duty of Your Excellency's Station, & in case you shall prevail on any Gentleman to become joint Surety for any Sum less than Ten Thousand Pounds Sterling with Capt Cullom on an Appeal in Consequence of this Letter I do engage & promise to save Your Excellency or such Gentleman harmless & indemnified. Having already acquainted Your Excellency with the Reasons that have made me presume to take this Liberty with you I shall only add that I flatter myself you will excuse it & always believe that I am with the most sincere Regard & sanguine wishes for Your Excellency's welfare D^r S^r Your most humble & most obed^t Serv^t

Hor^o Sharpe.

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Annapolis the 4th of May 1760.

My Ld.

In a Letter which I had the honour to address to Your Ldp the 27th of March I informed you that the Assembly having