

Letter Bk. IV hath been usual for Settling the Land Tax Accounts. The Lieut. Governor to take Care & See that the several Officers concerned in Carrying the Act in Execution give good Security for due Performance of their Duty & that they lay their Accounts regularly before the General Assembly. Should there after all Commissions have been paid be a Surplus it might be subject to the Disposal of the Legislature of the Province, & if a Deficiency to be made good by the Legislature at their next Meeting. If this Scheme be likewise disapproved of I can only tell you in general that any Mode of Taxation which would suit the Virginians will suit the Inhabitants of this Province, but if it can be avoided we ought to keep clear of the mode that hath been introduced into the Northern Colonies, between whose Situation, Circumstances Manner of Living & Ours there is a great Difference. All the Articles which by the above Scheme I would subject to Duties or Taxes except Tob^o will be free of all Duties & Taxes in 1761 & the Duty of fifteen pence p^r Hhd w^{ch} is at present payable on Tob^o exported will expire or be discontinued in 1764 when our Paper Currency (to sink which that Duty was p. 107 imposed in 1732) will be all called in & destroyed. As there is not & will not be enough Sterling Cash in the Province to pay the abovementioned Duties Liberty should be given for the Inhabitants to pay in Lieu thereof Forreign Gold or Silver at the Rates settled by Act of Parliament.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Gen. Robert Monkton.]

Annapolis 26th May 1760

Sir

I am favoured with your Lett^r of the 7th Inst advising me of your being appointed to the Command of His Majesty's Forces in this Part of the Continent in which Command I sincerely wish you much Satisfaction. It has I assure you Sir given me great Concern that this Province hath not afforded you such Assistance as might have been reasonably expected from us, You will I flatter myself readily believe that if it should be in my power to contribute by any means to the Advancement of His Majesty's Service I shall with the greatest pleasure embrace the Opportunity of Doing so & that I am with great Regard &c.

Original.

[Fauquier to Sharpe.]

W^{ms}burgh June 14 1760S^r

The Letter inclosed wth this was brought me by Lieu^t Colonel Mercer as you see it, who said it was given to him in a Hurry.