

[Sharpe to Philip Sharpe.]

Letter Bk. III

Annapolis 10th July 1760.Dr B^r

I had the pleasure to receive a few Days ago the Letter you were so kind as to write to me the 30th of March wherein you advise me of the several Bills being paid which I remitted to you the 23^d of Sept^r last & am very much obliged to you for Your management in placing out what money of mine remained in Your hands so much to my Advantage. I shall take it as a favour if in Your next You will let me know what that Sum was, whether the Stock was purchased in my name, whether the Interest is to be received annually or to be added to the principal, & I shall be obliged to You if when the inclosed Bills for £360 are paid you will be so kind as to Vest that Sum likewise in Stock for my use. I am extremely sorry that my Brother William's Endeavours to Obtain the Collectorship of Potowmack for M^r Ridout proved unsuccessful, 'twas unlucky he should have had such a Competitor for I find that the Mess^{rs} Hanburies left no Stone unturned to obtain that Office for M^r Wolstenholme, It gave me a good Deal of Uneasiness when I discovered that the Intelligence which I sent You the 26th of Dec^r relative to M^r Hough was false, but I was still in hopes till I received Yours & my Brother William's Letters the other Day that you would have received my other Letters & been undeceived before Application could be made on M^r Ridout's behalf for that Surveyorship of Pocomoke which notwithstanding the Deputation issued in his favour I am afraid he will never enjoy. I hope my Brother William excuses me for giving him so much unnecessary Trouble & that he has no reason to think the Duke of Newcastle was displeas'd with him for obtaining the Warrant; otherwise I must never take the Liberty to solicit his Interest again on such an occasion.

Brother William tells me that when he next saw the Duke after M^r Wolstenholme's Deputation had been issued His Grace was pleas'd to promise him that his Application on M^r Ridout's behalf should not be forgot when another Office in the Customs should become Vacant in this Province. In all probability it will be many Years before that Event may happen, but there is an office in what they call the Territory (which according to Ld Baltimore's Charter is within the Limits of Maryland) that one may expect will be vacated very shortly, I mean the Collectorship of Newcastle on Delaware, (which place as I said is within the Limits of Maryland as described in the Charter, tho it is not at present nor ever will be under this Jurisdiction being annexed to Pens^a) It is at this time held by one M^r Till who is far advanced in Years & is as I