

our Cousin Sharpe's Lady which I shall endeavour to do if I Letter Bk. III
 can get any Birds that are worth sending but really such Birds
 are very scarce in this Province. We have a Species called
 the Mocking Bird that is most in Esteem on Account of its
 note but 'tis difficult to preserve them in a Cage longer than
 a Summer or two even in this Climate. As the Virg^a Red
 Birds are not so tender & delicate I may possibly be able to
 send some of them to England this Fall tho few Masters of
 Ships will take any Care of such Passengers. I have several
 times procured some Wild Turkeys to send to B^r William but
 they have always died or been killed before they were large
 enough to put on board or before I had an opportunity of
 transmitting them. I had two brought down from Fort Cum-
 berland the Year before last when I was on the Frontiers which
 lived more than three months & then died. The Letter to
 Duncan Campbell was from M^r Ridout & the purport of it
 was to desire him in case he had been appointed Collector to
 wait on You & give or Cause Security to be given on M^r
 Ridouts Behalf. As it would be now improper to deliver
 either that Letter or the other two which were addressed to
 Ld Albermarle & Gov^r Dinwiddie Youll be pleased to destroy
 them. In the inclosed Gazette you may see all the news that
 hath lately come to us from both the Northern & Southern
 Colonies which however I presume you will have heard long
 before this reaches you. Wishing you the Enjoyment of a
 much better State of Health than B^r W^m tells me you were in
 when he wrote I am.

[Fauquier to Sharpe.]

Original.

W^{ms}burgh July 28th 1760.

S^r

I have absolutely nothing left me to do but to ask your
 pardon. Knowing nothing of Mr. Fox or even his name but
 as told me for that purpose, I had quite forgot the whole
 affair: and looking in my Copy Book of Letters I found no
 Copy of that Date (not thinking it of consequence enough to
 copy) w^{ch} together occasioned my last Letter. I well remem-
 bered the having mentioned S^r Isaac's papers, being a Subject
 the D^r and I had often talk'd over, and thought it must be in
 the Letter I sent by M^r Burnaby not finding it among my other
 Letters in my Copy Book

If you will excuse this great piece of Impertinence, I have
 been guilty of, you will much oblige, S^r

your most Obed^t hum^{ble} Serv^t

Fran: Fauquier

To his Excell^y Gov^r Sharpe