

Letter Bk. IV Bordley came in upon me you should conclude that it is a Matter of Indifference to me whether you confirm M^r Ridout in the Office which I have conferred on him or appoint M^r Bordley in his Stead wherefore I beg leave to explain Myself on that Head & to assure you that tho I shall acquiescè & be satisfied whatever may be Your Determination yet I should be very glad to learn that the Gentleman on whose behalf I addressed myself to you meets with His Ldp's & Your Approbation.

Original.

[Amherst to Sharpe.]

New York 1st of January 1761

Sir

Yesterday arrived here Captain Prescott one of my Aid de Camps with Letters from M^r Secretary Pitt notifying to me the most melancholy News of the Death of the late King on the 24th October in the most sudden Manner his Majesty having appeared perfectly well the Day before and even that very Morning, that his present Majesty was proclaimed the next Day, that the Parliament met on the 26th and that the King was firmly resolved steadily to support his Allies, and to prosecute the War with the utmost Vigour. These being his Majesty's Resolutions, altho I have not as yet received any Commands for the particular operations which it may be found expedient to pursue in this Country I think it incumbent on me to give you the earliest Notice of the King's Intentions, and at the same Time to acquaint you, that the services which still remain to be put into Execution for compleating the great Object of the War in America will require the further Aid and Assistance of his Majesty's good and faithful American subjects, wherefore I must desire you to be prepared for the immediate Compliance with the King's Requisition for such a Number of Men from your Province as shall be thought requisite by his Majesty to answer the proposed End of procuring a good and lasting Peace, which Requisition I doubt not you will receive soon.

I am with great Regard, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant

Jeff: Amherst

To his Excellency Governor Sharpe.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Fauquier.]

Annapolis the 1st of January 1761

Sir

Having been told that the Masters of two Vessels which arrived lately in Virginia brought publick Prints from Eng-