

Letter Bk. III Montserrat against the Crew of a Brig (which he lately met in the Bay of Cheseapeak & would have made prize of on a Supposition that She was engaged in an illegal Trade) for piratical Proceedings on board his the said Mulkeres Vessel; a Warrant hath been issued by our Chief Justice for apprehending as many of the Brig's Crew as are known but there being no Commissioners appointed in this province for the Trial of Pirates I take the Liberty to trouble you with this hoping you will be pleased to inform me as soon as possible whether you have a Commission in Virg<sup>a</sup> giving Power to any Gent<sup>n</sup> there to take Cognizance of such offence & if you have such Commission I must beg the favour of you to signify to me at what time & place the Commissioners will meet that in Case the Offendors should be apprehended I may send them down to Virg<sup>a</sup> for Trial & also give orders that Capt. Mulkere & his people recognize for their appearance to give Evidence before the Commissioners at such time & place as may be appointed. I am &c.

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

Annapolis the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1761.

Sir

Having received Your Lett<sup>r</sup> of the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. last Saturday night & having likewise received a Triplicate of the R<sup>t</sup> honble M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Pitt's Letter dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> I have thereupon issued a Proclamation requiring the Assembly of this Province to meet here the 7<sup>th</sup> of next Month which is as soon as they can possibly come together, I shall then communicate to them the Contents of those Letters & press them in the most earnest manner to comply with His Majesty's Requisition & when I am informed of their Resolution I shall not fail to send Your Excellency immediate Advice thereof

With the greatest Regard I am &c.

[Sharpe to Pitt.]

Annapolis the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1761.

Sir

Having a few Days ago received a Triplicate of Your Letter dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> last I do myself the honour to inform You that proclamations are issued requiring the Assembly of this Province to meet the 7<sup>th</sup> of next Month which is as soon as they could possibly come together; I shall then communicate to them the Contents of Your Lett<sup>r</sup> & I hope Sir You will believe that no Endeavours of mine shall be wanting to obtain