

Letter Bk. IV try's Money in their hands, but to vest the same in Bank Stock without Delay, I hope you will with His Ldp's permission & Approbation communicate to M^r Hunt or M^r Hanbury the Assembly's Sentiments. Being of Opinion that it would be advisable in order to avoid Loss by the Failure of any Naval Officer hereafter to require from them Bonds with good Security conditioned that they shall punctually pay all such money as they may collect within their respective Districts for the Use of the Lord Proprietary or his Lieut^t Governor, I have mentioned the same to His Ldp hoping he will be pleased to favour me with an Answer. I am &c.

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 6th May 1761 by Capt. Walker

Sir

Finding that there was no probability of the Assembly's doing the Business for which I was obliged to convene them I this Evening by Advice of the Council put an End to the Session. Inclosed I send you some Addresses & Messages that passed between me & the two Houses on the Subject of an Address to His Majesty; The Address which the Lower House talkt of being not signed by the Speaker before the Assembly was prorogued will not I suppose be transmitted. I recommend this to Governor Fauquier's Care to be put on board the first Vessel that may sail from Virg^a to London—

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Pitt.]

Annapolis the 7th of May 1761.

Sir

In a Letter which I did myself the honour to address to you the 30th of March last I informed you that upon the Receipt of a Triplicate of Yours dated the 17th of Dec^r I had in obedience thereto required the General Assembly of this province to meet here the 7th of last Month, but a sufficient number of members to make a Lower House not coming together before the 13th I could not open the Session till that Day when together with Your Letter I also laid before them one which I had received from Gen^l Amherst & as was my Duty pressed them in the most earnest manner to comply with His Majesty's Expectations & Requisition by those Letters signified. A few Days afterwards the Gentlemen of the Lower House proceeded to take the Letters into Consideration & Voted a Supply for Raising & the Support of 400 men during the Summer, but at the same time it was Resolved (tho by a very small Majority)