

Letter Bk. IV could have no pretence for introducing the Assessment Bill
 p. 201 again which was what they had at heart knowing it would cer-
 tainly be rejected & consequently that no money at all would
 be granted & therefore when the Majority carried the Vote
 against the Motion for 'only 200 Men they were well satisfied
 that no Business would be done that Session. Having nothing
 farther worthy Notice to communicate to you unless that Trans-
 ports are taking up in the Northern Colonies in order to con-
 vey as it is said 12 Regiments from this Continent to the
 West Indies in Augst or Sept^r next I shall only add that
 I am &c—

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

23^d June 1761—

My Ld

I now take the Liberty to lay before Your Ldp a Draft of
 such Instructions as I conceive it would be expedient for Your
 Ldp to give the Receiver General before the Plan concerning
 which I had sometime since the honour to communicate my
 Sentiments to Your Ldp can be carried into Execution; If
 Your Ldp should approve of these & give Orders for their
 being transmitted to the Agent you will be pleased I presume
 at the same time to send me an Instruction to assist as far as
 shall be in my power in carrying them into Execution & to
 acquaint the other Gentlemen (whose Assistance may be
 required when the Agent shall lay his Accounts before us)
 with Your Ldp's Desire that they will give their Attendance
 on such Occasions which I dare say they will readily do, & I
 cannot help thinking that the Agent will have reason to be well
 satisfied with the Scheme, tho as he might perhaps imagine
 that it takes its Rise from a Suspicion of his having been
 deficient in the Discharge of his Duty he might be a little
 piqued. In Case he should thereupon desire to resign I
 will agreeable to Your Ldp's Directions appoint M^r Ridout
 p. 202 Security jointly with responsible Merchants in London as hath
 been usually required for the faithful Discharge of that Office
 & upon such Removal of him I will appoint some other Gen-
 tleman Commissary in his Stead, but if Col^o Lloyd should not
 be dissatisfied with these Instructions & your Ldp should not
 be inclined to dismiss him from your Service I submit it to
 your Ldp's Consideration whether it would not be better &
 for your Ldp's Interest when M^r Dulany returns again that he
 should be reappointed Commissary Ccn^l & Col^o Lloyd D Sec-
 retary in his Stead & M^r Ridout Agent. But if Your Ldp is dis-
 posed to dismiss Col^o Lloyd I should think that it would be best