

Inhabitant of Somerset, who, accompanied by four other Indians, waits on you for the aforesaid purpose.

All I have to say upon the occasion is, that this nation hath behaved well during the war, and is at present in strict amity with the English; and that unless you have particular reasons for not suffering the remnant of that nation to leave your country, I see no prejudice it can bring to the publick Affairs. I am with the greatest respect Sir,

Your Excellency's most Obedient humble Serv^t
Governor Sharpe. James Hamilton

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 14th Sept^r 1761. transmitted by.
Sir

Some of our Ships being about to fall down to Virginia whence it seems Capt Norton Commander of His Majestys Ship Assistance appointed to convoy them to England is determined to sail the 20th Inst notwithstanding the Merchants here & many Masters of Vessels in the Trade have intreated him to stay about three weeks longer I embrace the Opportunity to transmit you a Duplicate of the Letter I addressed to you the 17th of last month & to inform you that having a few Days ago laid before the Gentlemen of the Council who were in Town viz. M^r Tasker Col^o Lloyd M^r Bordley & M^r Ridout) that Extract of Col^o Tayloe's Letter to Mess^{rs} Hanburys which you were pleased to send me I found them unanimously of opinion that if Col^o Tayloe will send his own Vessels for the Ore he ought to pay the Duties which other Non Residents pay, & that if he was to be exempted on Account of his having a Plantation & some Negroes in this Province many of the Tobacco Merchants in England as well as Persons who live in the neighbouring Colonies & have Lands & Negroes here may plead the same Reasons for their being exempted also from the Payment of Duties which they have always thought themselves obliged to pay by reason of their Residing out of the Province, for tho Virginia & Maryland are only divided by a River as Col^o Tayloe alledges yet they are no less distinct & different Governments than Maryland & Jamaica. As I wrote to you very fully on this Subject the 2^d of June 1757 I will take the Liberty to refer you to that Letter for several Reasons why Col^o Tayloe's Request should not be granted. Capt Norton having gone out on a Cruize immediately after he arrived this Summer with the Trade I understand that Col^o Lloyd could not learn from him till a few Days ago whether he would take home some Cash for His Ldp by which means it seems the Agent must either send it uninsured or