

make Insurance at Phil<sup>a</sup> or N York. The Exchange still continues very high with us so that £175 Currency rating Dollars at 7/ 6 & Pistoles at 27/ will scarcely purchase a Bill for £100 stg. which is principally owing I suppose to the late Importation of such quantities of Specie for the Troops & to the Emissions of such vast Sums of Paper Money in several of these Colonies. By a Letter which I received a few Days ago from the Surveyors of which I inclose you a Copy I find that they had the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst continued & run the Line 44 miles from the Middle point so that I presume they will get up to Newcastle some time next month. I am &c.

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Joshua Sharpe.]

Letter Bk. III

Annapolis 14<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1761.D<sup>r</sup> B<sup>r</sup>

Having been informed by B<sup>r</sup> William how assiduous you were to get those Accounts which I some time ago transmitted to him passed by the three Generals to whom they had by the Lds of the Treasury been referred for Examination & who it seems were pleased to make such a Report thereon as was agreeable to Your wishes I embrace this opportunity to make my Acknowledgments to you for that new Instance of Your Friendship & of Your Desire to oblige me & did I know in what manner it would be most agreeable to you that those whose Interest you were endeavouring to promote could acknowledge Your Services I dare say they would in case of their being paid most chearfully do so.

In a Letter which I addressed to you soon after I was advised of the Death of our Brother John I beg'd the favour of You to get from among his Papers & to return to me a State which I had sent him relative to our Revenue Laws which Cousin Sharpe told me some time ago You had found on examining his Father's Papers. If it is still in Your Possession I should be much obliged to you for sending it to me as I have reason to think that now our Assembly will not have an opportunity to dispute again about raising Supplies they will again make "our Act for the Support of Government," of which they have heretofore questioned the Validity a Bone of Contention between us & in that Case I apprehend the above-mentioned State would furnish me with Arguments in its Support.