

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

Ann^s 18th Sept^r 1761.

Sir

Having been desired by the owners of several Vessels that are now loading in this Province for Great Britain & by the Agents or Factors of some Merchants in London who have Interest therein to send a Petition which they have addressed to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in North America intreating him to appoint Them a Convoy about the End of next Month I have taken the Liberty to comply with their Request & as they have likewise pressed me to inclose Your Excellency another Petition to the same Purport apprehending I presume that the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships on this Station will not find himself at Liberty or choose to order a Ship round to Virg^a in order to convoy the Trade thence to England without Your Excellency's Approbation I flatter myself you will excuse me for Complying also with this their Request & for expressing my hopes that if a Ship can be conveniently spared for such a Service the Petitioners will succeed in their application.

[Petition to Amherst.]

To The Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in North America.

Ann^s 18th Sept^r 1761

Sir

The Gentlemen whose Names are subscribed to the inclosed Petition having desired me to present the same to you I take the Liberty to do so, & if you can grant them a Convoy for their Ships now loading here for G Britain I shall be very glad if you will be so kind as to comply with their Request.

Original.

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

London October the 8th 1761

Sir,

I acknowledged the 10th of June yours of Ian^y the 28th Since have yours March the 4th and June the 10th with the Provincial Laws of which his Lordship by Instructions now Signifies to you his Assent. The Act, for increasing the allowance of Grand and Petit Jurors for attendance and to Limit costs of Witness with itinerant charges is reasonable and agreable to the Law here. On M^r Murdock's Death the Rector and of his Successor the Rev^d M^r Williamson your desire you have his Lordships Approbation and with reference to the Rev^d M^r Keene. Your Inclosed from M^r Bordley the Attorney Gen^l