

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Pownall.]

2^d of Sept^r 1757.S^r

I am favoured with Your Letter dated the 3^d of Augst advising me of His Majesty's having appointed you Governor of the Massachusetts Bay & of Your safe Arrival in your Gov^t upon which I heartily congratulate you & I sincerely wish you an easy & happy Administration. As I am persuaded that a frequent & friendly Correspondence between the Governors of these Colonies is in the present State of Affairs highly expedient Your Declaration on that Head is very acceptable & I beg leave to assure you that you will always find me ready to contribute as much as is in my Power to the Execution of any Scheme whereby His Majesty's Service & the Interest of these Colonies can be promoted & that I shall be always studious to convince you that I am with great Regard &c.

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Sir

I embrace the first Opportunity that has offered to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter dated the 2^d of Augst & to assure you that it would give me much pleasure to have an Opportunity of serving any Person that has recommended himself to Your favourable Notice but really it is not in my power to convince M^r Harrison of my Regard for your Friendship because I have not the Disposal of any Place of Profit in that part of the Province where he resides except a Sheveralty & that Office is engaged for upwards of 7 Years from this time. I have forwarded to him the Lett^r that you was pleased to send inclosed to me & if I have ever an Opportunity of seeing him I will not fail to let him know how much you desire to serve him. I think myself very much obliged to you for your kind Offer in case I should entertain any thoughts of what my Brother mentioned when you were last together in England. I do not know whether I have been truly informed but from what I have heard I am apt to think that such an Exchange would not be much to my Advantage especially at this time. however you must be a better Judge & if you are of a different opinion I hope you will be so kind as to favour me with Your Sentiments on that matter. I am extremely glad to find that you reckon my Brother among Your Friends & intimate Acquaintance the greatest Favour that you can do me is to admit me also into the Number & to beleive that I shall always endeavour to approve Myself worthy of the Appellation. With the most sincere Regard

I am &c