

Letter Bk.III last inclosing the King's Proclamation of Peace & I now do myself the honour to inform Your Ldp that in obedience to His Majesty's Commands signified to me by your Ldp's Letter I have this Day caused His Majesty's Proclamation to be published in this City with the Solemnity & Ceremony usual on such occasions, & I have issued orders for publishing the same in the several Counties within this Province & for the Militia of the respective Counties as well as the Civil Officers to attend the agreeable Ceremony. With the greatest Resp^t.

[Sharpe to Pownall.]

To John Pownall Esq^r Secretary to the Board of Trade.
Annapolis 2^d of Augst 1763.

Sir

When I wrote to you the 28th of January 1761 in answer to Your Letter of the 18th of Oct^r preceeding I was in hopes that the Acts of Assembly which have been from time to time made in this province, & were when I wrote revising & preparing for the Press would before this time have been printed off & published, but by reason of some failure or neglect in the merchant who was to have sent hither a sufficient quantity of Paper for the purpose, it has not been in my power to transmit to Their Lordships a compleat printed Copy so soon as I then expected to have done, however as the manuscript Copy has been ready for the Press more than a Twelve month & the whole quantity of Paper that was wanted is now received the printer is proceeding with the work & will not break off again till all the Acts are printed; when that is done I shall not fail to send Their Ldps the several Copies required; & should They before I can transmit such Copies want to have Recourse to the Acts of Assembly of this Province I desire the favour of you to acquaint Their Lordships with the Reason that makes me so backward in Complying with their Requisition.

Original.

[Halifax to Sharpe.]

S^t James Aug^t 11th 1764

Sir,

The House of Commons having, in the last Session of Parliament, come to a Resolution by which it is declared, that towards defraying the necessary Expences of defending, protecting and securing the British Colonies and Plantations in America, it may be proper to charge certain Stamp Duties in the said Colonies and Plantations, It is His Majesty's Pleasure,