

the mean Time write to The Governor of Canada and Nova-Scotia and shall likewise transmit their Petition to me, to His Majesty's Secretary of State; and whatever Intelligence I shall gain respecting His Majesty's Pleasure concerning these unhappy People you will be immediately acquainted with. I should think that it would be greatly to the advantage of some of the great Landholders to give a Tract to these People on very moderate Terms, in order to begin a settlement on some of their unsettled Lands.

I have the honor to be with great Regard

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Tho^s Gage.

Letter Bk.IV

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Copy of 138th Letter to M^r Calvert. Dated 2^d of August 1765
transmitted by Capt Hanrick.

Sir

Having on the 10th & 11th of last Month wrote & transmitted by a Ship which was then about to sail from Potuxent two long Letters to His Ldp & yourself acknowledging my Receipt of & answering His Ldp's several Instructions & Letters bearing Date the 16 of January 7th 9th & 26th of Feb^y & the Letters you had been pleased to favour me with the 16th of Jan^y 6th of March & 2^d of April last I have not any thing to trouble either His Ldp or you about at present nor any thing worthy Notice to communicate but I could not let a Ship sail from this place without a Letter to you especially as I recommend to the Captains Care the Acts of Assembly which were to have accompanied my last Letter but on Account of the Size of the parcel I could not have them conveyed on board the Potuxent Ship without sending an Express Messenger therewith down to the Naval Office. In my last Letter I hinted to you that I had heard a Circular Letter had been sent by one of the New England Assemblies to the Speakers of the several Assemblies in the other Colonies inviting them to send a Committee to some certain place in order to concert Measures for obtaining a Repeal of the Stamp Act, & you will see in one of the inclosed Gazettes that the Report was not without Foundation, but if the Meeting is to be held at the time therein mentioned I fancy that neither the Assemblies of this Province or Virginia will be represented there for they are not to meet till after the Day appointed, & if the Small Pox should still continue here I question whether our Assembly will meet at all, as many I believe most of Them are