

venture back to the Province. You will I presume hear before this reaches you what Outrages have been committed in some of the New England Governments where it seems 'tis almost a Capital Offence to speak in favour of the Measures lately pursued in Great Britain with respect to the Colonies & indeed a Person would run a great Risk by doing so even here & therefore those who disapprove of such a violent Opposition are obliged in prudence to be silent. Since the Affair I mentioned to you in my last Letter we have not had any Disturbance in this Province & I hope shall have no other nor have I any thing farther at present worthy notice to communicate to His Ldp to whom I beg you will present my Duty & therefore shall only add that I remain with the greatest Regard Sir &c.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

To Lord Baltimore.  
My Lord

the 3<sup>d</sup> of October 1765

In a Letter I took the Liberty to write to Your Ldp the 10<sup>th</sup> of last Month I advised your Ldp of some violent Proceedings of the Populace in several of the New England Governments & also in this Place on Account of the Act of Parliament that was made last Session for imposing a Stamp Duty on the British Colonies. The Reason of my troubling your Ldp at this time is to inform you that during the Sitting of the Provincial Court all the Gentlemen of the Law & many others from different parts of the Province several of them Members of the Lower House represented to me that as Annapolis was at length clear of the Small Pox it was the Universal Desire of the people that their Representatives should have an Opportunity of meeting in Assembly before the time to which it stood prorogued & that upon my Communicating such Representation to the Gent. of the Council they advised me to gratify the Wishes of the People by convening the Assembly on the 23<sup>d</sup> of last Month. The Cause of their being so anxious about the Assembly's Meeting was this, That of the Province of the Massachusetts' Bay had by a Circular Letter invited all the Assemblies of these Colonies to send a few of their Members to New York on the First of this Month to consult together & join on behalf of their respective Provinces in a Memorial to the Legislature of Great Britain representing how prejudicial the Acts of Parliament lately made must prove in their Consequences both to the Colonies & the Mother Country, & so earnestly did the Inhabitants of this Province desire that some of their Representatives should be present at such meeting that I am convinced the Members would have