

I had the Honour of being known to your Brother Mr Philip Sharpe, whom I left well in London the last of August.

Although the Season is so far advanced and I have not been more than ten Days in America, I find myself under a Necessity of returning immediately to England, where if for me to execute any Commands for your Excellency I shall hope to be honoured with Them.

I am with the greatest Respect and Regard
Your most obedient
&

Most obliged humble Servant
G^o Mercer

Williamsburg
Nov. 10th 1765.

[Z. Hood to Sharpe.]

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Sir

by the last packett have received my Commission and Instructions from the Hon: the Commissioners of the Stamp Office

Capt. Brown in the Hawke is to bring the Stamps for Maryland, but what Cann be don with them I Cannot pretend to determine, but I humbly Apprehend nothing more Cann be don untill the Law is Complied with in the other Colonies which beleave will be sum time from the Spirit in America, they have hung and Burnt the Governour here in Effige, burnt all his Carrages which was the only things to be gott at; burnt Major James furniture who Incur'd their displeasure, he is gon for England with leave from the General.

the Fourt was Expected to be Attack'd, but in order to prevent the Consequences the Governour with the Advice of his Council delivered up the Stamps to the Mayour & Corporation to which they Agreed by a Vote to protect the same, and if distroyed or sent out of the Province to pay whatever the Stamps might raise if they had been distributed, and for the Sake of peace.

it was the Advice of the General also, that in Case of an Attack upon the Fort the large Quantitee of Military Stores now in this place must be Exposed to distruction as there was not a force Sufficient to prevent them, these Considerations Induced the Govenour as there is Two Ships Expected with Stamps Every day of which Govenour Moore Comes in.

Peace is now restored to the City which was in Grait Confusion for ever one begunn to dread the Consequence.

I am with Great Esteem

Your Excellency most obedient Humble Servant
Zach. Hood