

[Gage to Sharpe.]

Original.

New York December 9<sup>th</sup> 1765

Sir,

The Commandant for His most Christian Majesty, and the Chief Judge of the Province of Louissiana having lately transmitted Me, an Account of a most horrid Murder committed by some English Men, on One M<sup>r</sup> Denoyer, in His Passage from Samana, to Cape Francois; And requested Me to use such means as I should Judge best, to discover these Villians.

In Conformity to their desire, and having much at heart, as every Man must, the bringing such Execrable Monsters to Punishment; I take the Liberty of Inclosing you a Translation, of the Declaration made by the Widow of the Deceased, relative to the Murder of Her Husband, and the abandoning Her and her Children in a small Canoe to the Mercy of the Waves.

Your Humanity will readily engage You to use every necessary Measure for the discovery of these Villians, should chance conduct them, tho' not very likely, to any Port in Your Government.

I Am

Sir

Your Most Obedient  
Humble Servant  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Gage

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Governor Sharpe  
Maryland.

[Hamersley to Sharpe.]

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As I think it my Duty, so it shall be my Endeavour, to give the best and earliest Information, in my Power, of every thing that Passes in this Country relative to the Colonys Especially where Maryland is the least concerned. I shall Paint according to Life and, at the same time I preserve my Candour, hope you will not suspect my zeal, or good wishes for the Province

I Presume you are already Possessed of the Kings Speech and the addresses following upon it.

The 17<sup>th</sup> being appointed for the King to meet his Parliament, & a day of some expectation I thought it Incumbent to give my Attendance at the House of Peers foreseeing that the Kings Speech, (or to Speak more Parliamentarily the Ministers) by touching either too much, or too little, upon the Colonies, would produce a Discussion, from whence some Conjectures might be formed of the Sentiments of the different Partys upon the late Capital measure respecting