

Collection, they are justly apprehensive of the consequences to particular Persons, sh^d the contents, by being made Publick, find their way back to their proper Colonys. The Discussion of the Papers is appointed for the beginning of next week, and, If the Administration have yet Determined what to do with them (which I much doubt) it is more I am sure, than any body knows with certainty. The question will probably be branched out into three different Considerations, the Legality of the Law, the Expediency of it, & the causes and consequences of the opposition given to it. M^r Pitt has upon different occasions Expressed himself very Explicitly against the first, but I much fear has all the great Lawyers and Leading men of the Kingdom against him, and the manner of Delivering himself upon the occasion is apprehended to have added but little to his Credit either with his friends in the City or elsewhere. As to the Expediency, the Bedford party, and other Constituent members of the late Administration, with their new Allies (Earl Temple Lord Lyttleton &c) will probably urge the Enforcing the Law; but I hope the present Administration, with many of the ablest members, will entertain very different Sentiments, and will Incline to repeal the Law, tho they sh^d Assert the Principle; but, how long affairs may continue in the present hands seems a little uncertain as well as into what hands they may come next. As to Censures, tho both Partys seem concerned only to Level them at each other, they will all probably fall upon the Colonys, and, the Crown be called upon to Reward or Punish their own Officers as they shall be thought to have deserved. I sh^d have acquainted you that the Petition of the Deputys from the Congress was Tendred to the Commons last Monday, but rejected as Inadmissible no such Assembly being Recognized here. I have the honor to be with the greatest respect and regard. S^r

Your Excellencys
Most Obed^t & Ever Faithfull
Hble Servant,
Hugh Hamersley

Serj^{ts} Inn,
31st Jan^{ry} 1766.

As I was prepared to Seal this Lre
his Lord^p put the Enclosed into my
hands which he recommends to your care.

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Copy of a Letter to Lord Baltimore Dated Annapolis 10th
Feb^{ry} 1766.

My Ld.

The Behaviour of M^r Calvert towards me on all Occasions,
our personal Acquaintance & Correspondence for so many