

so that nobody would touch it; 'Twas made in the year 1759 Letter Bk. IV  
by Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker at his Country Seat but as most of the Vines  
were destroyed or much hurt by the Severity of the following  
winter I question whether there will be any more of that Wine  
made here for several years. I am &c.

P. S. Having been told just as I was about to send the  
Pipe of Madeira on board this Ship that one of Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyds  
w<sup>ch</sup> carries 20 Guns will certainly sail in less than two months  
I thought it would be most advisable to ship it in her as I  
could not insure the Wine by this Vessel & should she be  
taken by the Enemy I could not send His Ldp such another  
Pipe.

[Sharpe to Capt. Scaife.]

To Captain John Scaife Commander of His Majesty's Ship Letter Bk. III  
Chesterfield 20<sup>th</sup> feby 1762.

Sir

On behalf of the Gentlemen who will receive Advantage  
from your giving me such early Intelligence of Your Arrival  
in Virginia & Intention to return to England the 6<sup>th</sup> of June I  
return you thanks for the Letter you were pleased to favour  
me with the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst & will cause publick Notice to be given  
to the Merchants & Masters of Ships in this Province of such  
Your Intention that their Vessels may be at Hampton by the  
time appointed in order to take the Benefit of Your Convoy  
I am Sir &c.

[Sharpe to Capt. Adams.]

To Captain W<sup>m</sup> Adams Commander of the Diana. Annapolis  
21<sup>st</sup> feby 1762.

Sir

In hopes that you would think Yourself at Liberty to convoy  
them together with the Virginia Ships to England the Masters  
of such Vessels as were ready to sail from this Province are I  
am informed already fallen down to Hampton where I pre-  
sume they will wait on you with a Petition requesting the  
favour of you to take them under Your Convoy. As the own-  
ers or Masters have not desired me to you on their behalf  
presuming perhaps upon seeing the Advertisement which was  
published in the Virg<sup>a</sup> Gazette that any such Application was  
unnecessary I cannot take upon myself to write to the Lds  
Commissioners of the Admiralty especially as I am unac-  
quainted with the Number of Vessels that have loaded in this  
Province & are now ready to sail, but as I am persuaded you  
will rather consider how beneficial it will be to the Trade of