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[Secretary Conway to Sharpe.]

St James's March 1st 1766

Sir,

I am very sorry not to be able as yet to give you any Instruction for the Rule of your conduct in the perplexed situation of the Colonies; But the Parliament to whose wisdom his Majesty has been pleased to refer those affairs not having come to any ultimate decision thereon, I may not presume to give you any positive direction: at the same time it is, I think my duty to inform you that a Bill is brought in, & has made some Progress in the House of Commons for the repeal of the Stamp Act, & that other Proceedings relative to the mutual rights of Great Britain & her Colonies are also in consideration before Parliament. As soon as ever any thing is ultimately determined by the Legislature, you may depend upon the speediest Information from me, & will not fail to receive therewith his Majesty's farther Instructions. In the mean time the King relies on your discretion to take the properest measures that the Circumstances of the times may require for the good of the Colony committed to your care.

I am, with great Truth & regard
Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
H. S. Conway

Dep^y Gov^r of Maryland.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Gov. Moore.]

To S^r Henry Moore. Annapolis the 5th March 1766.

Sir

As I happened to be in a distant part of this Province when the Letter you were pleased to favour me with last December was brought hither by the Post I had not the Satisfaction to receive it till very lately you will therefore I hope excuse my being so late in offering you my Congratulations on your Appointment to the Government of New York & your Arrival in that Province. Convinced of the Expediency of a constant & friendly Correspondence between His Majesty's Governors in America I readily accept your proposal & shall take the liberty to trouble you with Letters as often as I may have any thing relative to His Majesty's Service or the Interest of these Colonies to communicate: I am much obliged to your Excellency for the Readiness you express to render me any Services in your power & hope you will believe that if I should at any time have an Opportunity of giving your Excellency a convincing proof of my Respect & Regard I shall not fail to embrace it. That your Excellency's Administration may be easy & happy is the sincere Wish of Sir y^r