recommendation, and to promise him his Interest with your Excellency, for procuring Mr Alkin what he desires, and I am accordingly charged with his Lordship's Commands to your Excellency. Mr Alkin has produced a Letter from Mr Jenkins Henry, who speaks of him in handsome terms, and Intimates his having already Impressed your Excellency with the same favourable opinion of him. This gives his Lordship an Additionall satisfaction, as he shall always esteem himself happy in an opportunity of Preferring his Native Tenants, and Paying a regard to the recommendations of the Gentⁿ of the Province, previously made known to and, in this case as he is given to understand, not disapproved by your Excellency.

I am with due regard and esteem.

Y' Excys Most obed' Faithful Hble Serv'

Serj^{ts} Inn. 12th March 1766.

Hugh Hamersley

Original.

[Baltimore to Sharpe.]

March 19th 1766

Sir,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of y' Drafft for 216

pounds sterling on y' Brother Phillip Sharpe.

I hope you enjoy y^r health well & congratulate you cordially on the Repeal of the Stamp Act whereof here are three Copys. I suppose before you receive this letter will be Landed in the Province M^r Jordan charged with certain Comissions to y^rself M^r Dulany & himself, whereon I have nothing to say, they being as explicit as can be whatever occurs therein you will as usual comuncate to y^r Sincere freind & most obed humble Serv^t

F. Baltimore

Mr Hamersley writes to you in a day or two, on all business.

Original.

[Hamersley to Sharpe.]

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Before I enter upon yor Excellency's Letters of the 21st & 24th Dec^r to Lord Baltimore, & M^r Calvert, you will give me leave to Congratulate you, & with yor Excellency all Maryland, & wth her all America, upon the Repeal of the Stamp Law, the Act having recēd the Royal Assent on the 18th Instant. Lord Baltimore acquaints me that he has already enclosed yor Excellency a Printed Copy of the Act, & it may be troubling you unnecessarily to send a second, but as it is only a Single Sheet it will serve to accompany its Twin Brother (for so they have been stiled here) by way of D^o its Companion, I mean