

[Cooper to Sharpe.]

Original.

Sir

It having appeared to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that by the Resignation of several Distributors of Stamps & by the late unhappy disorder & tumults in some of the Colonies of North America and the West Indies many Parcels of stamp'd Parchment and Paper have come into the Hands & Custody of the Governors Magistrates or other Persons within the said Provinces and Islands respectively, And the Act of Parliament for laying Duties on Stamps in the Plantations being now repealed, I am directed by their Lordships to require your Excellency to give such Orders as may be found proper and necessary for returning and forwarding in the most safe and expeditious manner to the Commissioners for managing His Majesty's Stamp Duties in Great Britain all such Parcels of Stamp'd Parchment and Paper as may remain in your Custody or Power or in the Custody or Power of any other Person or Persons within your Excellency's Jurisdiction

[May 5, 1766]

I am, Sir, Your Excellency's  
Most Obedient humble Servant  
Grey Cooper

His Exl<sup>ty</sup> Horatio Sharpe.

[Baltimore to Sharpe.]

Original.

Frederick Absolute Lord & Proprietary  
of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon  
in America Lord Baron of Baltimore in the  
Kingdom of Ireland.

F. Baltimore

To Our Trusty and Well Beloved Horatio  
Sharpe Lieutenant Governor of our said Province  
of Maryland.

Whereas by Virtue of the Powers in the Letters Patent or Grant from King Charles the first to Cæcilius Baron of Baltimore his Heirs and Assigns of the said Province of Maryland &c I have by Commission under my hand and Seale at Arms bearing date the Fourth day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Five appointed Hugh Hamersley Esquire to Exercise the Office of Secretary of the said Province of Maryland in the Place of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Cæcilius Calvert my late uncle Deceased.

And Whereas at the time of the Death of the said Cæcilius Calvert the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Daniel Dulany Esquire did Exercise the Office of Deputy Secretary within the said Province by Virtue of a Commission by you Issued for that purpose under the Great Seale of the same Province. And the said Hugh