

upon the Glorious Event, I am Persuaded Maryland will not be the last with their Address.

The British Legislature, not Contented with repairing the past injury, have, from the Overflowings of their Parental Tenderness, Dedicated a great part of the Session to the Consideration of the State of the Colonies, (much more I am persuaded than has been done by all the Governm<sup>t</sup> here together for half a Century past) the fruits you will find in the Enclosed Votes; and, If Ripened into Laws before the session Closes, which will be about a month longer, I shall do myself the pleasure of sending you the several Acts, as soon as they receive the Royal Assent.

I can only repeat the satisfaction it will give me to render the least acceptable Service to the Province; Let the means be Suggested by your Excellency, I will Promote them to the utmost of my power; Your obliging Profers of Service can only be Answered in the same way, and it must be left to time to demonstrate my sincerity by Actions, rather than Expressions. In the Interim I shall still Crave leave to Subscribe myself with great regard and esteem.

Serj<sup>ts</sup> Inn London  
15. May 1766.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir.      Your Excellencys  
Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Hugh Hamersley.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Letter Bk.IV

Copy of a Letter to Lord Baltimore Dated Annapolis 15<sup>th</sup>  
May 1766

My Ld

I have for some time waited impatiently for an Opportunity to transmit by some Vessel bound directly to London Copies under the Great Seal of the several Acts of Assembly to which on Your Ldp's Behalf I gave my Assent during the two last Sessions of Assembly but no such Opportunity has offered since the Acts were printed & may not perhaps for these three Weeks I shall therefore that your Ldp might see what Acts they were herewith transmit a Copy of them by a Vessel that is just on her Departure for Bristol & flatter myself they will all meet with your Ldps Approbation. In the Letters I address't to your Ldp & M<sup>r</sup> Calvert last Winter I inform'd you that an entire Stop had been then put to all Business & that the Courts of Law except in two or three of the most distant Counties were shut up; in this situation Things remained till the Provincial Court met here the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of April agreeable to their Adjournment when a Number of People who were assembled here from different parts of the Province impatient at the Provincial Office being so long