

ever cannot be before the End of the Summer. As soon as Letter Bk. III
 Copies of the two abovementioned Acts of Parliament came to my hands I caused them to be published & had the Satisfaction to hear & see that the Inhabitants of this province in general were affected with a proper Sense of the Moderation Forbearance & Lenity of the British Parliament lately manifested with respect to the Colonies & I flatter Myself they are already disposed to pay the most chearful Obedience to the Legislative Authority of Great Britain & all the Laws now existing. Tranquillity & good Order is now perfectly restored here & the late Distractions will I hope soon be forgotten; the Resentment sometime ago expressed against the Person that was appointed to distribute the Stamp't Paper here is entirely subsided & he now resides & carries on Business in this place to as great Extent & Advantage as he did before his Appointment. Such a sudden Alteration in the Face of things & in the Behaviour of the people encourages me to hope that there is an End to all Uneasiness & Discontent & Murmurings & am inclined to think His Majestys Subjects within this Province will for the future be more studious than ever to demonstrate to our most gracious Sovereign their Loyalty Duty & Gratitude & to the Mother Country their Thankfulness & Affection. You may Sir be assured that no Endeavours of mine shall be wanting to instill & encourage such Sentiments & to effectuate what you are pleased to recommend.

[Richmond to Sharpe.]

Copy.

Whitehall 10th July 1766

Sir,

I send you herewith inclosed, an Act entitled "An Act for repealing certain Duties in the British Colonies & Plantations, granted by several Acts of Parliament &c^a & for granting other Duties instead", which, I make no doubt, will be received & considered as a further Proof of The King & the Parliam^{ts} Attention to the Interests & Prosperity of His Majesty's American Subjects.

I am &c^aRichmond &c^a.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Letter Bk. IV

To Lord Baltimore.
 My Ld

Annapolis 14th July 1766.

I am now to return your Ldp Thanks for your kind Letter inclosing Copies of the Act of Parliament for Repealing the Stamp Act which had occasion'd such Commotions in America