

attended by M<sup>r</sup> Charnier in order to make a final Settlement of the Agents Accounts that being the time we thought proper to allow those who are in Arrears to come & pay the Ballances they respectively owe. LetterBk. IV

I am My Ld &c.

[Sharpe to Hamersley.]

Copy of 6<sup>th</sup> Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley. Dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 1766.  
transmitted by Captain Richardson.

D<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

My last Letters bore Date the 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July & were transmitted by Capt Hanrick together with two Boxes one containing Copies with the Great Seal appendant of the several Acts of Assembly which were made here last December & the other two bound Copies of Bacon's Edition of All our Laws down to the year 1763 of which I herewith transmit another Copy for your own use. I am also by this Opportunity to acknowledge my Receipt of the Letter you were pleased to favour me with the 15<sup>th</sup> of May last together with an Instruction from His Ldp of the same Date & a Letter bearing Date the 13<sup>th</sup> of that Month. I did not for my part at the time I advised you of the Difficulties started by M<sup>r</sup> Dulany upon his Receipt of your Deputation think there was much in them & the same thoughts occurred to Me as are hinted in your last Letter, nor do I think he would have made any objection to the Deputation had it not directed the Business to be transacted in your Name & the Fees to be received to your use in which particular you see by the Copies of Commissions I transmitted there was a Variance between them & yours: Most of the Secretaries Offices in the Colonies are I believe executed by Deputies who in attesting Certificates &c sign as Deputies & indeed M<sup>r</sup> Dulany does the same nevertheless he is I find still of Opinion that the Acts of Assembly consider him as Principal & that no Person who does not come to qualify himself in the province can under these Acts be considered as an Officer of the Government, at least this is what he told me again a few Days ago when I spoke to him in Consequence of your Letter & His Ldp's Instruction. If, said he, His Ldp's Commission to M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley is Recorded in the Provincial Records It will supersede mine immediately, I cant act under the Deputation he sent me last November & if your Excellency was to issue another Commission to Me after M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley's Commission is recorded such Commission would supersede his; He will therefore untill I can hear from you again on the Subject continue to act under a Commission I shall now issue for there is an Impropriety in his acting under that issued by me when M<sup>r</sup> Calvert was Secretary,