

myself the honour to acknowledge my Receipt thereof & to assure your Ldp that whatever Commands your Ldp may at any time communicate to me will be punctually obeyed. In a Letter I took the liberty to address to M^r Secretary Conway last July in answer to his of the 31st of March I promised to lay the same together with the Resolves of the House of Commons therein transmitted before the Assembly of this Province at their first Meeting, which I have since done & have now the satisfaction to inform your Ldp that upon my Recommending to Them to take the Letter & Resolves into Consideration & chearfully to comply with His Majesty's Requisition thereby signified They immediately Voted a Compensation to the Person whose House had been pulled down by the Mob that assembled here in the Night of the second of Septem^r 1765 & also to another Person who had suffered a small Loss at that time, with which Compensation the Sufferers are I understand entirely satisfied. I must also in Justice to the Inhabitants of this Province in general assure your Ldp that since the Repeal of the Stamp Act was notified to them they have not shewn the least Signs of Discontent nor have Murmurs been heard among them, but as far as I can judge their Behaviour has manifested the highest satisfaction at the late Measures of the British Legislature & while their Declarations have been expressive of unfeigned Loyalty & Gratitude to our most Gracious Sovereign & of the greatest Attachment to the Mother Country. I am &c.

Letter Bk.III

[Sharpe to Board of Trade.]

To The Lords of Trade. Annapolis 9 Decem^r 1766.
My Lds

In obedience to your Ldps Requisition signified to me by your Letter dated the 1st of August I embrace the earliest opportunity to inform your Ldp that but few of the Inhabitants of Maryland are employed in Manufactures & that altho there are Manufacturers of all sorts most of them Servants from G. Britain & Ireland dispersed over the Province no Manufacture of any Consequence hath been established here. There are indeed several Iron Works erected in different parts of the Province, several Ships or other Vessels built here in a year, & three or four Rope-Walks each of them employing eight or ten people; & many of the Planters & Farmers have some coarse Clothing both Woolen & Linen made in their Families but scarcely any can make for themselves as much as they have occasion for. No publick Encouragement is given here for making any Manufactures except a small Bounty to be paid annually till the year 1760 by the County