

Letter Bk. III Courts for the five best pieces of Linen that shall have been made in each County by White Persons being free People & Residents in the County where such Bounty may be claimed. The General Assembly of the Province having met here soon after I received Your Ldps Letter I thought it my Duty to lay the same before them & as from the Circumstance of the Members residing in the several Counties into which the Province is divided they could not be strangers to the Pursuits & Employments of the People I desired them to give me all the Information they could with respect to the Subject of Your Ldps Enquiry & I take the liberty to transmit to Your Ldps the answer which the Lower House of Assembly have thereupon given me. Should any manufactures be hereafter set up here or any Encouragement be given for Carrying them on I will not fail to advise Your Ldps thereof & shall punctually obey any other of Your Ldp's Commands. I am &c.

[Sharpe to Commissioners of Stamps.]

To the Commissioners for managing His Majesty's Stamp Duties in Great Britain

Annapolis 9 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1766.

Gentlemen

In pursuance of Orders from the Lds of the Treasury communicated to me by a Letter from Grey Cooper Esq<sup>r</sup> bearing Date the 5<sup>th</sup> of May last I wrote to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships on the Virginia Station desiring him to send for & convey to England three Boxes of Stamp't Paper which had been landed here by Captain Brown from on board His Majesty Sloop Hawke but I was never favoured with any answer to my Letter; & as Their Ldps require me to forward to you in the most safe & expeditious manner I can all such Packages of Stamp't Parchment & Paper as might have been left in this Province I thought it my Duty (no better Opportunity offering) to send the abovementioned three Boxes of Paper to England in a Merchant Ship & have accordingly shipt them in the Brandon of which Henry M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan is Master & James Christie Merchant of London Owner to whom therefore on the Vessels Arrival you will be pleased to send for them. I am Gent<sup>n</sup>

[Sharpe to Board of Trade.]

To the Lords of Trade the 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1766.  
My Lds.

I herewith transmit to your Ldps a Bond that was on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> last delivered to Me by John Penn Esq<sup>r</sup>