

Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania who at the same time took before me the several oaths directed to be by him taken on his Appointment to the Government of that Province of which I have given a Certificate to be by him transmitted to your Ldps. Mess^s W^m Allen & Benj^a Chew who have executed the inclosed Bond are known to be Gentlemen of considerable Estate in Pennsylvania & Joseph Shippen & Andrew Hamilton who have subscribed the same as Witnesses are also Gentlemen of Character & Fortune. I am &c.

Letter Bk. III

[Shelburne to Sharpe.]

Original.

Whitehall Dec^r 11th 1766

Sir

I am to signify to you His Majestys Pleasure, that you will, with as much Dispatch as may be, transmit to Me for His Majestys Information, an exact Estimate of the annual Charge of maintaining & supporting the intire Establishment of His Majestys Colony of Maryland, distinguishing the different Funds & the different Services to which those Funds are appropriated. You will be very particular in specifying what Funds are fixed and regular, from those which are annually granted or which expire in a given time.

It is also His Majesty's Pleasure that you transmit to Me, at the same time, a full & clear Account of the manner of imposing Quit Rents and of levying them, as also the Mode of granting Lands in Your Colony; specifying the amount of Arrears of Quit Rents & the Number of Grants hitherto made, & to whom, how many Acres to Each, & at what time the Grants have been made.

I am with great Truth & Regard

P. S. In your future Dispatches I would recommend to you the giving every seperate Subject a seperate Letter & the numbring of each Letter. This method will contribute much to the Order and Dispatch of Business.

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Shelburne

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

[Sharpe to Shelburne.]

Letter Bk. III

To the Earl of Shelburne. Annapolis 23^d Decem^r 1766
My Lord

Since I had the honour to receive Your Lordships Letter dated the 13th of Sept^r last I have made Enquiry but cannot