

nicest calculation I could Least Gov^r Penn should have been unacquainted with it. On this head I expect to hear from him in a few days, when if it is approved of I shall without delay send to them, and hope to effect your desire.

The obtaining their consent was highly necessary the more so, by reason of their present disposition owing as well to the Artifices of French Agents, as to the Conduct of the frontier Inhabitants towards them on many late Occasions.

Give me leave to add my remembrance of your politeness to me when in Maryland, That I shall be at all times glad to hear from you, and that I am with perfect Esteem,

Sir, your most obedient & very humble Servant
W. Johnson.

The Honble. L^t Governor Sharpe

[Vestry of Coventry Parish to Sharpe.]

Original.

May it please your Excellency,

We the Vestry and Wardens of Coventry Parish, being Informed by a Gentleman, that your Excellency has received many false reports relative to our Conduct in respect to the unhappy disturbances in our parish, which we presume have been calculated by some il-disposed persons purely to raise a resentment in you and inflam your mind in prejudice of us, through which they might the more ready obtain their own enequetious designs. But as we humbly conceive when facts appear in their true light, it will appear we have done nothing that can give your Excellency the least Suspention of thinking we ever had any kind of design in detraction of either your person or Character, and under this presumption we beg leave to trouble you with the detail of every action and circumstance Attending this unhappy affair. Your Excellency being well acquainted with the frequent applications made to you by us while Whitaker lived, and we are as well assured that you are not unmindfull of your repeated kind expressions in favour of our relief when ever providence should put in your power. Upon the death of Whitaker, we being encouraged from your answers to our former Adresses, your Excellency may remember, we then again repeated our applications by express with the Information of Whitakers death, in answer thereto we received from M^r Ridout a letter which confirmed our former expectations, and as your Excellency was pleased therein to direct us to look out for some Gentleman proper to officiate as a Reader until we could be other ways provided for, reflecting on your kind Expressions prior to this that of being active and loosing no time on such vacancy hapening least your Excellency should receive Instructions that