

their offers of their Rum to me, which was indeed very great, but they are convinced now, that I dont taste it, unless mixt with water. We are like to agree very well, I take no notice of their invented stories, I go to their houses, I visit the sick without being sent for, I preach funeral Sermons for the poor for nothing; here is a large field for exercise.

The Vestry bought a Glebe last Fall of 150 Acres, it is rented for this year, there is a Small house, that might stand in your Excellencys outward Parlour about a mile from the church. Col. Dagworthy came home last Week from Philadelphia, he has been very affable, & kind in his treatment of me, I promise myself great Satisfaction in his Company. I have rode a great deal in search of a farm to hire, but without Success. I am at a great loss what to do with my family.

I fear I have encroached on your Excellencys time & patience but it was y^r Goodness that made it a Duty in me to discharge what you did me the Honour to desire; & my own Inclination can no otherwise be gratified than by addressing you in this manner from this solitary part of your Government, since I have not the Happiness of being nearer your Person.

I am under a kind of Political Devorce, from which I beg relief, as soon as your Excellency shall see proper which shall be acknowleged with the highest Sense of Gratitude, by Most Worthy S^r y^r most

obliged & most obedient
& dutyfull humble Serv^t
Philip Hughes

Letter Bk.IV

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Annapolis 11th June 1767

My Lord

Having lately had the pleasure to receive the Letter your Ldp. did me the honour to write to me the 16th of Febry. last I embrace the earliest Opportunity to thank your Ldp. for your kind Wishes and Regard therein expressed towards me, & to assure your Ldp. that it shall be my Study & constant Endeavour to promote your Interest & render your Ldp. all the Service in my power. It gives me great satisfaction to find by your Ldp's as well as by Mr. Hamersley's Letter which accompanied it that my Conduct in passing the Acts of which I last December transmitted written Copies met with your Ldps Approbation & that your Ldp sees the Law for paying off the publick Debt by an Emission of Bills of Credit in the same light it appeared to me, the Bills ever since they were put into Circulation have supported their Credit so as to be in every respect equal to sterling Money of the same