

[Hamersley to Sharpe.]

Original.

Serj^{ts} Inn, London 24th Augst 1767.

Hon^d S^r

In my Letter of the 8th of April last, I acquainted your Excellency with an Application made to Lord Baltimore by M^r Stewart, the Contractor for the Transportation of Convicts, for the Repeale of the Quarentine Act. I am now further to Inform your Excellency, That this Gentleman has within these few Days Laid the Matter before the Treasury by a Petition of which the Enclosed is a Copy, and they have referred it to the King in Council where it now lyes. I should hope nothing will be done upon it till November, and then I shall exert all my Endeavours, in concert with the Agent for Virginia in support of the Law, the Expediency of which I hear has been too fatally Proved by a recent Instance.

M^r Garth and the Gentlemen in the Trade will I hope likewise Contribute their Assistance and perhaps I may by that time be favoured with a Line by your Excellency upon the Subject

I am

S^r

Yo^r Excellencys
Most Obed^t Hble Serv^t
Hugh Hamersley.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Letter Bk. V

To Lord Baltimore.

Annapolis the 3^d Sept^r 1767.

My Lord

I had a few Days ago the pleasure to receive Your Ldp's Favour of the 4th of June but not the Box therein mentioned which I apprehend is left in M^r Andersons Compting House for Capt Montgomerie who brought me the Letter told Me that he remembered to have seen a Box directed to Me but that he could not find it on board, I am in hopes however to receive it by Captain Banning who was it seems to sail from London about the Middle of June & shall not fail to deliver Your Ldps packet to M^r Allen as soon as it comes to my hand. I need not I hope use many Words to convince Your Ldp that I retain the most grateful Sense of All Your Ldps Favours & I beg Your Ldps Acceptance of my thankful Acknowledgments for the fresh Token of Your Ldp's Regard contained in the Box you have been pleased to direct for me. Having wrote to Governor Penn in Consequence of Your Ldps Intimation I expect he will by the next Post communicate to me the Answer he has given the Secretary of State to his Letter of Enquiry & will transmit the same to Your Ldp