

Letter Bk. V meet till pretty late in May I hope to receive before that time His Ldps particular Instructions how to conduct Myself for the Lower House will certainly then take up the Dispute as both M^r Worthington & M^r Johnson are warm about it & have considerable Influence amongst the Members. You will see by the inclosed Papers called the Pennsylv^a Farmers Letters which are republished in all the Colonies how solicitous some People are to rouse once more the Resentment of the Americans against the Mother Country on Account of the Act of Parliament imposing a Duty on Glass &c & That suspending the Legislative Power of New York, but they have not hitherto had any great Effect nor do I think they will unless some other Act of a similar nature should be made at the next Session. I am apprehensive from the Accounts given us in the last Penns^a Gazette that we shall not be long without another Indian War. They have it seems been for some time very much discontented & I wish a cruel Murder that was very lately committed on Ten of them in Pennsylvania might not at once provoke them to commence Hostilities. A parcel of Refugees & Out-Laws from the several Provinces have from time to time resorted to & made Settlements at a Place called Red-Stone Creek in the Western Parts of Pennsylvania beyond the Allegany Mountain contrary to His Majesty's Proclamation, they have been ordered off both by the Gov^r of Pennsylvania & the Commandant at Pittsburg but signified in answer that they were determined to remain there. This 'tis said the Indians have complained of as an Encroachment on their Lands & tis said that General Gage is to send a Detachment of the Kings Troops to assist the Government of Pennsylvania to break up the Settlement.

[Sharpe to Hamersley.]

Copy of Letter to M^r Hamersley Dated Annapolis 24th
Feb^y 1768
D^r S^r

The Bristol Ship on board which I sent some Days ago Letters for His Ldp & also two Address't to yourself having been so unlucky as to run aground & to be by that Accident detained till this time I have a very early opportunity to acknowledge my Receipt of the two Letters you favoured me with the 10th & 24th of Novem^r last. It really makes me unhappy to find that my appointing M^r Walter Dulany Commissary General last summer on the Death of M^r Goldsborough was a Step His Ldp by no means approved of & that in appointing M^r Plater to succeed as Naval Officer of Potuxent I acted likewise contrary to His Ldp's Intention ; I