

[Hillsborough to Sharpe.]

Original.

Whitehall May 14th 1768

Sir,

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in America having represented, that their Officers meet with great Obstructions, and are deterred from exerting themselves in the Execution of their Duty ; I have it in Command from His Majesty to signify to you His Pleasure, that you do give them all the Assistance and Support in your Power in the Discharge of their respective Offices, and in carrying the Laws of Trade and Revenue into due Execution.

I am, with great Truth and Regard

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Hillsborough

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

[Sharpe to Hillsborough.]

Letter Bk. III

To Lord Hillsborough.

Annapolis 14th May 1768

My Ld

I had the honour to receive by the last Post from New York your Ldps Letter of the 23^d of Jan^{ry} advising me of His Majesty's having been pleased to appoint your Ldp One of His principal Secretaries of State & to commit to your Care the Dispatch of the Business relative to His American Colonies. In order that His Majesty's Intention in making that Arrangement might be answered as far as may be in my power I shall not fail to communicate to your Ldp from time to time a full Account of all Occurrences worthy Notice that may happen within this Province & shall transmit your Ldp such Acts & Proceedings of the Government & Legislature here as you are pleased to require. I return your Ldp Thanks for your Assurance that you will immediately on Receipt thereof lay before His Majesty any Dispatches I may trouble you with & that you will forward my Measures for the Publick Service. I thank your Ldp also for sending me for my Information Copies of four Acts of Parliament relative to America which were made during the sixth Session of the 12th Parliament of Great Britain, to which as well as to all other Statutes extended to or that may be made relative to America I shall ever pay the most strict Attention & Obedience. I am My Ld with the utmost Respect y^r Ldp's.