

the Requisition to be extended, I should I say be very glad to know & also to receive Instructions from My Ld Baltimore how far I am to comply for I apprehend that hitherto it has not been usual to return even the Acts of Assembly made in this Province to the Board of Trade or to any of His Majesty's Ministers. Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Hamersley.]

Copy of Letter to M^r Hamersley. Annapolis 27 May
1768.

D^r S^r

I transmit you inclosed a Copy of a Speech I made last Tuesday to both Houses of Assembly in order that you may lay the same before His Ldp whose Approbation it will I hope receive. As you will see in our Body of Laws by what sort of Title the Indians residing in Dorchester & Worcester Counties in this Province (now reduced to a very small Number) hold their Lands I need not observe to you the propriety of my recommending to the Assembly's Consideration S. William Johnson's Letters desiring those People may agreeable to their own Request be permitted to go back & join the Six Nations. the Expediency of the other Regulations I have mention'd to them is too evident to be denied here, nevertheless I question whether the Example of the Northern Colonies & Virginia will not divert the Lower House from such Matters to Addresses Resolves & Memorials relative to the late Acts of Parliament laying Duties on Sundry Goods imported here from Great Britain & I don't know but the Lower House may also enter into the Question about Pluralities which in my Opinion had better not have been broached but unfortunately M^r Allen was of a different Opinion & by that means is engaged in a Dispute with the whole Province as it were which will not I fear soon have an End not a Gazette hardly appearing as you will see by the inclosed without a scurrilous Piece on one side or other so that if M^r Allen wisht as was said of him to be engaged in some Controversy he will probably have enough of it. The Ejectment brought against His Ldp on behalf of Brerewood will not be tried till next October; in the mean time the Attorney General & M^r Dulany desire Me to write to you for an Authenticated Copy of his being a Bankrupt or Outlaw if it can be made appear that he was either one or the other. M^r Dulany seems to be pretty confident that he is a Bankrupt & if that be the Case Proof thereof will at once determine the Suit, if no Ship should be coming directly hither Be pleased to transmit the Certificate by the Packet to New York so that it might come to hand as soon as possible. I am.