

tations of Relations have at length prevailed, and forced him to take the Painful Resolution of Delegating the Succession to M^r Eden, for I am thoroughly satisfied, and he has Authorized me to say, no other Successor would have been sent you by him, unless you had first desired it. M^r Eden is at present only under Nomination, neither Commissioned by his Lordship, or Approved by the King, and does not Intend Leaving England till after the Ensuing Christmas. This Event will not I hope Interrupt Our future Correspondence, for, tho' Commenced under particular relations I shall at all times, and places, and upon every Occasion be happy in Approving my particular Regard and esteem for your Excellency. His Lordship has again directed me before I conclude to repeat his Satisfaction in every part of your Administration and to request that you will still Permit him to Salute you his Friend, when you are no longer his Lieu^t Governor.

I am with usual Friendship
& Esteem D^r S^r
Your most Faithful Hble Serv^t

His Excellency Horatio
Sharpe Esq^r

Hugh Hamersley

Letter Bk. V

[Sharpe to Hamersley.]

Copy of Letter to M^r Hamersley Annapolis 25 July 1768
D^r S^r

Having lately received by M^r Hackman the Letters you were pleased to write to me the 28th of March & 1st of April last & a Son of M^r Andersons who has resided here these two or three years being on his Return to London I take that Opportunity to answer them & to transmit you the Journals of the Proceedings in the two Houses of Assembly during the late Sessions also such a State or Narrative relative to Talbot Mannour as together with the State of the Claims you some time ago sent me will enable you as well or better than myself to judge what Step it would be most advisable for His Ldp to take in that Business & what Answer it might be proper for him to return to M^r Plunketts Letter. Since the Receipt of your Letter giving me a particular Account of the wicked or rancorous proceedings against His Ldp at Kingston of his manly Address to the Court & his Defence I have seen a Copy that M^r Bladen sent hither of the Tryal & I think the Contradictory & prevaricating Testimony Given by the Girl was of itself sufficient to destroy her Credibility & will I flatter myself have that Effect in case the other Prosecution you speak of should be carried on. I most sincerely congratulate you on the Event of the Tryal & hope nothing of what