

[Hillsborough to Sharpe.]

Original.

Whitehall 2^d September 1768.

Sir,

The King having observed that the Governors of His colonies have, upon several occasions, taken upon them to communicate to their Councils and Assemblies, either the whole or parts of letters which they have received from His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; I have it in command from His Majesty to signify to you that it is His Majesty's pleasure, that you do not, upon any pretence whatever, communicate either to the Council or Assembly any copies or extracts of such letters as you shall receive from His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, unless you have His Majesty's particular directions for so doing. I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Hillsborough.

Deputy Gov^r of Maryland.

[Sharpe to Hillsborough.]

Letter Bk. III

To Lord Hillsborough.
My Ld

Annapolis 4th Sept^r 1768

On the Receipt of your Ldp's Letter bearing Date the 30th of April & the Copies of Letters & Papers therewith transmitted relative to the Murder of William Odgers I have sent orders to the Sheriffs of the several Counties within this Province by themselves & Deputies to make strict Enquiry whether such Person as Melchisedeck Kinsman is described to be hath lately appeared in their Counties & if he should be discovered to secure him & give me immediate Notice, if such a Person should come hither in order to become an Inhabitant he must I think be very soon found out, Should he be discovered & taken here Nothing shall be wanting on my part to have such a Vilain brought to Justice.

I am with due Respect etc.

[Sharpe to Hillsborough.]

To Lord Hillsborough.
My Ld

Annapolis 4th Sept^r 1768

I am honoured with the Lett^r your Ldp was pleased to write me the 14th of May in Consequence of a Representation which had been made to your Ldp by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in America that their Officers had met with great Obstructions & were deterred from exerting themselves in the Execution of their Duty, in answer to which