

Letter Bk.III I beg leave to inform your Ldp that I am confident no Complaint of that sort can have been made by any of the Officers of His Majesty's Customs within this Province for had any Obstruction been given them they would doubtless have themselves informed me, or I should have heard it from other Persons, nor indeed do I think there is at present any Disposition in the people here to deter them from doing their Duty or to encourage any illicit Traders, if on any Occasion hereafter either of the Officers should apply for or stand in need of my Support or Assistance your Ldp may depend on my giving them all the Assistance in my power. I am My Ld &c.

[Sharpe to Hillsborough.]

To Lord Hillsborough. Annapolis 12 Sept^r 1768
My Ld

I am favoured with your Ldp's Lett^r dated the 4th July advising me that in pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure you should give constant Attendance in your place at the Board of Trade & that as your Ldp should lay before that Board such Matters arising out of my Correspondence with your Ldp as might appear to be necessary for their Consideration I need not be at the Trouble of transmitting to their Ldps Duplicates of my Dispatches to your Office, but confine Myself to one Channel of Correspondence conformable to the Spirit & Intention of His Majesty's Order in Council of the 8th of Augst 1766 & endeavour to act conformably to such your Ldps Intimation & Directions. I am &c.

[Sharpe to Hillsborough.]

To Lord Hillsborough. Annapolis 12th Sept^r 1768.
My Ld

I am now to acknowledge my Receipt of the Letter your Ldp was pleased to write to Me the 11th of July directing me in case any thing should occur within this Province proper to be the Subject of a Letter to your Ldp to transmit an Account thereof by any Ship that might be ready to sail hence if such Opportunity of Conveyance should offer before one by the Packet from N York & in such Case to transmit by the Packet a Duplicate of any Letter sent by a Merchant Ship & will not fail to observe your Ldps Instructions whenever I may have any thing worthy His Majesty's Notice or your Ldp's to communicate; indeed I have at times already pursued that Method when I thought a Letter by that means would be safely & more expeditiously conveyed than by the Packet the Distance between this Place & New York & the Difficulty