

Letter Bk. V

[Sharpe to Hamersley.]

Copy of Letter to M^r Hamersley Dated Talbot County
Nov^r 10th 1768

Sir

Being informed that a Ship will sail within these few Days from Wye River for London I shall herewith leave to be delivered to the Master a Box containing a Plan of the Boundary Lines lately run annexed to one Copy of the Report in which the Commissioners have joined & agreed to transmit to their respective Constituents. I am now on my Return from the Meeting & shall write to you again immediately on my Arrival at Annapolis. You may expect to receive a Duplicate of the Report by a Ship that is to sail from Potuxent the first of next Month & the Pennsylvania Gentlemen will transmit two others by the earliest Opportunities from Philadelphia. I am &c.

Original.

[Hillsborough to Sharpe.]

Whitehall 15th Nov^r 1768

Sir,

I have received, and laid before the King, your several Letters to me from N^o 1 to N^o 11, & have the satisfaction to express to you His Majesty's approbation of the attention you have in general shewn to all His commands, and more particularly to those communicated to you in my Letter of the 21st of April.

It is a great concern to His Majesty to find, that the Assembly of Maryland has, in the business of the circular Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts Bay, acted with so little respect to His Majesty's sentiments upon that unwarrantable proceeding, and that they have thought fit to decline sending their Petition to his Majesty on the subject of the late Acts of Parliament, either through the Proprietor, or his Deputy in the Government there, which His Majesty considers as the only proper and constitutional channel.

These circumstances of disrespect to the Crown and undutiful behaviour on the part of the Assembly, have not however inclined His Majesty to shew the least disregard to the petition which has been delivered to me by M^r Montagu; on the contrary His Majesty has considered it with attention, and having well weighed the purport and tenor thereof, has commanded me to signify to you, that He does disapprove this petition, as containing assertions and setting up claims, inconsistent with the Constitution, and tending to deny and draw