I expect to be visited in the Holy days or before, shoud I be so unfortunate, I shall act with as much prudence, as my situation will admit. I am sorry to be troublesome to your Excellency but thought it my duty to give you this state of things. I have the misfortune to be placed among a set irreclamable by any good offices, & as much affected by Envy as Malice

I have the Honour to be with great respect

Y\u02b3 Excellencys

most obedient
most devoted
humble Serv\u1d57
Philip Hughes.

[Sharpe to Hillsborough.]   Letter Bk. III

To Lord Hillsborough.   Annapolis 21\u02e2\u1d57 Feb\u02b3\u02b8 1769
My Lord

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Ldp's Letter bearing Date the 2\u1d48 of Sept\u02b3 last forbidding me to communicate either to the Council or Assembly of this Province Copies or Extracts of any Letters I may have the honour to receive from His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State unless I should have the Kings particular Directions for so doing, in answer to which Letter Permit me to assure your Ldp that during the time I am to continue in this Government I shall punctually observe His Majesty's Commands so by your Ldp signified to me & that I am with the utmost Respect My Ld &c.

[Sharpe to Hillsborough.]   Letter Bk. III

To Lord Hillsborough.   Annapolis 2\u1d48 March 1769
My Lord

I am much obliged to your Ldp for the Letter you were pleased to favour me with the 15\u1d57\u02b0 of Nov\u02b3 for it gives me inexpressible satisfaction to be therein told that the Attention I have in general shewn to all His Majesty's Commands & particularly to those communicated to me by your Ldps Letter of the 21\u02e2\u1d57 of April last hath by His Majesty been graciously approved of. I am also to thank your Ldp for letting me know in what light The King sees the Step taken by the Assembly of this Province in Consequence of the Massachusetts Circular Letter, & for transmitting to Me the Addresses of both Houses of Parliament in answer to His Majesty's Speech at the Opening of the present Session. Permit me also to congratulate your Ldp on an Event so interesting to all