

Letter Bk. IV next Letters to His Ldp take the Liberty to mention once more old M^r Key as a Person worthy & proper to be appointed in case of another Vacancy a Member of the Council & hope you will second my Application. With regard to Your proposition relative to D^r Scott I shall only say that if His Lordship will be pleased to approve thereof I will speak to M^r Ross & him & with the Formers Consent make the Alteration: After what I have already wrote I need not tell you again how anxious I am to give him some convincing Proof of my Regard & Friendship, I am sure he will merit it from His Lordship & I believe there is no Person in the Province more esteemed by the Gentlemen of the Council in general than himself. I presume you have long before this time received an Account of the Enemy's having taken possession of Newfoundland, of which Conquest however we hope they will be soon dispossessed as Troops have sailed from Hallifax for that purpose, & I doubt not but you will also receive authentic Accounts in a very few Days of the entire Reduction of Cuba as a Vessel which arrived the 1st Inst at Phila^a brought an Account of the Havanna's being surrendered to the Earl of Albermarle the 14th of last Month, on which glorious Event I most heartily congratulate you & am—

P. S. M^r Ridout having desired me to pay you £1. 5 on his Acco^t I now remit you a Bill for £125 15 8½ which with the 9^s 3½^d overremitted last time makes £126 5.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

To Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Ann^s 14th Sept^r 1762.

Sir

The Accounts given in the last Phila^a Gazette of the Gosports being sailed from Hallifax for Newfoundland having made the Merchants & Gentlemen of this Province who are concerned with Shipping very uneasy lest Capt Jervis should not return to Virg^a to convoy home the Tob^o Trade agreeable to an Advertisement he caused to be published before he sailed for N York they thereupon drew up & presented me the inclosed Petition pressing me at the same time in the strongest Terms to write to Your Excellency; I have taken the Liberty to do so, & shall be very glad if you will be so kind as to order any man of War that may arrive to the Northward to proceed to Virg^a & convoy to Europe the Ships which are now assembled in York River & will be there ready in pursuance of Capt Jervis's Notification. At the same time that I beg Your Excellency's Pardon for the trouble I give You permit me to acknowledge the favour of Your Letter of the 6th Inst & heartily to congratulate you on the great &