

[Lord Glencairn to Horatio Sharpe.]

My Dear Gov<sup>r</sup>

I'm shour you will think me very troublesome for solicit-  
ing you so often, but a man that has conections with Ladys  
must sometimes doe things contrary to his own inclinations  
to please them, in short I have been so teased by my sister  
Lady Hedith Campbell to write to you to countenance the  
bearer of this M<sup>r</sup> Wightman who was for sometime a part-  
ner with a sone of hers in Virginea and who is left to gather  
in some outstanding debts that I could no longer resist, if  
you will be so good to countenance M<sup>r</sup> Wightman she writes  
me it may be a good deal of money in my Nefeus way, if you  
can conveniently doe this I shall take it as a favour done me.

I had lately a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Fisher wherein he tels me  
nothing will be done in the Madiere Islands till next winter,  
my wife Joins me in compliments to you, and with great  
Sincerity I am

My Dear Sharpe  
Y<sup>r</sup> most Obedient  
humble Servant  
Glencairn

Jan<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1754

[Cecilius Calvert to Horatio Sharpe]

London 12 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1754

Dear Sir

It is Necessary I should write you a few lines by way of  
Privacy & that you will do the same to me, as thereby we  
can be more explicite to one another, as to some particulars  
then by Our Publick Letters, & as such are Only to Our-  
selves who mean well, therefore when Read ought to be  
Destroyed, w<sup>h</sup> you may depend on my part shall be, doubting  
not the same of you.

The many applications from the Province & at home for  
the vacant offices & the promotions of the Council is prodid-  
gious all turns have been exercised with Malevolent insinu-  
ations ag<sup>t</sup> one another, praise worthy of themselves Disin-  
terested, only a value for the Proprietor the reasons &  
motives of their Desire of preferment, thus they veil over  
all self Interest. The share I've Act'd & always shall is to  
render your Administration as easy to you as I can, as there-  
by must gain the best Service for his Lord<sup>p</sup>