

hither a few days ago by the Post from New York, I do myself the honour to acknowledge my Receipt thereof, but must at the same time inform you, that altho' the People of this Province have not gone such lengths as those of New York and some other of the Northern Colonies, their Sentiments with respect to the Stamp Act seem to be much the same, and had M^r Hood who was appointed to distribute the Papers in this Province attempted to execute his Office, It would not I believe have been in my Power to protect him. In the Letter I took the Liberty to Write to the Earl of Halifax the fifth of September last I informed his Lordship that M^r Hood had a few days before retired to New York where he has remained ever since so that when Cap^t Brown, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Hawke, arrived here in December with some of the Stamp't Paper destined for this Province, there was no Person authorized to receive and distribute it, had the People been disposed to make use of it, wherefore as the Lower House of Assembly were averse to its being landed, and there was no place of Security here in which it could be lodged, I by advice of the Council, desired Cap^t Brown to keep it on Board, and to his doing so it is probably owing that there hath been no Disturbance here, since that of which I gave an Account in my abovementioned Letter to the Earl of Halifax. Had I not been convinced that it would be Impossible, without a considerable Military Force, to carry the Act of Parliament into Execution here, while it was opposed so violently in the other Colonies, I should have called upon M^r Hood to execute his Office, and have promised to support him in Discharge of his Duty, but after the proceedings of the People at New York in the Presence of General Gage and a Body of his Majesty's Forces, I presume that nothing more would be expected from me, under such Circumstances, than to preserve Peace and good Order in the Province where I have the honour to preside, until I could receive his Majesty's Instructions, and I flatter myself with hopes that my Conduct on the Occasion will not be condemned, but meet with his Majesty's Approbation.

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To the Right honble General Conway

Hor^o Sharpe

Annapolis 10th February 1766.

Sir

In Answer to the Letter you wrote to me the 14th of Sept^r last, by Order of the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, which I have lately received, I must desire you to acquaint their Lordships, that if the Person appointed to distribute the Stamp Paper within this Province could with any