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At a Council held at the Governor's on Tuesday the 9th day of September in the Sixteenth year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoq Domini 1766.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The Honble Benedict Calvert, John Ridout, and Cha^s Goldsborough Esq^{rs}

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the two following Letters, One from His Grace the Duke of Richmond, One of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and the other from Jn^o Pownal Esq^r Secretary to the Board of Trade, together with Copies of sundry Acts of Parliament passed last Session.

Whitehall 12th June 1766.

Sir

I have the Pleasure of transmitting to you herewith Inclosed a Printed Copy of An Act of Parliament Entituled "An Act for indemnifying Persons who have incurred certain Penalties by An Act of the last Session of Parliament for granting certain Stamp Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America" as also a Copy of another Act "for opening and establishing certain Ports in the Islands of Jamaica and Dominica, for the more free Importation and Exportation of certain Goods, and Merchandizes" and other Purposes therein set forth. Thus you see, Sir, that not only the greatest Attention has been shewn to his Majesty's American Subjects, by the Repeal of An Act which they had Complained of but those Grievances in Trade which seemed to be the first and Chief Object of their Uneasiness, have been taken into Consideration and such Regulations have been established as will it is hoped, restore the Trade of America, not only to its former flourishing State, but be the Means of greatly increasing and improving it, to the Conveniency and Advantage of all his Majesty's Subjects in every part of his Dominions. With those Views have these Regulations been enacted, and from the best enquiries into the Commerce of America, It is more than Probable that very salutary Effects will answer the Intentions. Such manifest Concern and tender Regard shewn by His Majesty and his Parliament for the true Happiness and Prosperity of the Colonies and Plantations, cannot fail I am persuaded, to produce, on their Part, suitable Sentiments of Duty, Respect and Gratitude to their King, and of Love and Attachment to their Mother Country.

I am with great Truth and Regard Sir
your most Obed^t humble Servant

To Horatio Sharpe Esq^r
Lieu^t Governor of Maryland.

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