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LETTER DATED MAY 13, 1762, FROM GOV. SHARPE TO
THE NAVAL OFFICER OF PATUXENT

[THIS LETTER FROM GOV. SHARPE TO THE NAVAL OFFICER OF PATUXENT DISTRICT, DATED MAY 13, 1762, IS A CIRCULAR LETTER SENT TO ALL THE OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS OF THE PROVINCE AS THE RESULT OF A WARNING RECEIVED BY SHARPE FROM SIR JEFFREY AMHERST, THE BRITISH COMMANDER IN CHIEF FOR AMERICA, THAT THE ACT OF GEORGE II WAS BEING VIOLATED WHICH PROHIBITED GRAIN AND OTHER PROVISIONS BEING SHIPPED FROM THE AMERICAN COLONIES, EXCEPT TO GREAT BRITAIN AND ITS DEPENDENCIES, TO PREVENT THEIR REACHING THE ENEMY (*Arch. Md.* XXX, pp. 36-37). IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT JOHN ROSS, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL AND UPPER HOUSE, HAD BEEN APPOINTED NAVAL OFFICER OF THIS DISTRICT FOLLOWING THE MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN 1761 BY HENRY DARNALL, THE FORMER NAVAL OFFICER.]

Sir

Ann:^s 13.th May [1762]

His Excellency S.^r Jeffery Amherst Commander in Chief of all the Kings Forces on this Continent having informed me that from several Papers which have fallen into his hands he has undoubted Proofs of the Enemy's having been supplied with Provisions from almost every Port in North America I think it my Duty to advise you of the Information His Majesty's General hath given me & tho I flatter myself that no such infamous Trade hath been carried on from your District & that I need not remind you how much it is your Duty to prevent it I must recommend it to you in the most earnest manner strictly to observe & Carry into Execution [the Act] of Parliament that was made in the _____ of His late Majesty's Reign entituled An Act to prohibit for a limited time the Exportation of Corn Grain Meal Malt Flour Bread Biscuit Starch Beef Pork Bacon & other Victual (except Fish & Roots & Rice to be exported to any part of Europe southward of Cape Finisterre) from his Majesty's Colonies & Plantations in America unless to Great Britain or Ireland or to some of the said Colonies & Plantations &c & in Case you have reason to suspect that any Vessel loaden

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