

amazed at the contention for 70. years

You gave me pleasure on the three acts of Assembly, I took notice of to you in my letter of the 9th of July last, by way of Remarks arising from Reasonableness, you are pleased to say, have weight with you & when an Assembly meets. . . . if it can be concluded with good humour, you are in hopes they will see the Propriety of in the same manner as we do.

You tell me, you are really concern'd at my Refusal of the Guardians offer, but still hope I will not be tenacious in it. . . . and pass on me many Compliments. . . . In answer thereto, age & a disordered constitution confines a man at home & will not suffer him to stir, as to natural & acquired Abilities, I am not so vain to think my self any way perfect, there are others more perfect; a Stranger can act & very often compleat Things as may be excepted against a man as a Relation, in short, I have Rested my being here. My Lord Proprietary in concert with his Guardians has determin'd the Honour of his Government on Mr. Horatio Sharpe Brother to Mr. John Sharpe; a Person of Rank in the Army, one of real merit & deserving of so important a Trust. His Departure will be by the first ship after My Lords coming of Age.

As to your resolved Purpose of seeing England next Summer at all Events, I have My Lords orders to notify to you his Leave to take your Departure from his Province for England either in the Spring or Summer before or after the Arrival of his Lieutenant Governor, as you shall think most conducive to my Lord Proprietary's advantage of his Affairs. Your inclosed List of all the Officers of their Possession under them, you say you can at present recollect, is come to hand, as to