

Ordered by his Excellency that the following Letter be Sent

Gentlemen

Annapolis the 21th August 1759.

Governor Denny having lately informed me that the Judges of a Court of Oyer and Terminer which was held at Lewis in Sussex County the 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th June last, have represented to him that several of the Back Inhabitants of that County had instead of having Officers sent among them by the Justices of Worcester County in Maryland in order to Compell them to give in their Names as Taxables in the said County of Worcester. I think fit to Advise you thereof, and tho' I flatter my self that some of you have given any Just Cause for such a Dread as the Back Inhabitants of Sussex are said to have had at the time the above mentioned Representation was made, yet since Governor Denny has desired me to Order the Magistrates of such Counties in this Province as Border on Sussex to do their duty and to pursue to Extend their Jurisdiction to Places quietly possessed for a course of years by Mr Penns Servants and not reputed to be within the Maryland Jurisdiction. I do in compliance with his honours request, and out of a sincere and earnest desire to have the Peace of his Majestys Subjects on the Borders of the two provinces well preserved strictly enjoin and require you to exert your selves in the due discharge of your Duty and I desire that no intimation of what nature or kind you may be offered or threatened by you or by any of the Inhabitants of Worcester County to any of the Inhabitants of Sussex so long as they shall keep within the said County of Sussex and Demean themselves becomingly, and I desire you will Particularily Caution and charge the Sheriff of your County and his Deputies with the ancient reputed Limits of Worcester County to receive any person whatsoever

But lest the Inhabitants of Sussex or any Persons who actually residing in Worcester County may chuse to call themselves Inhabitants of Sussex shall take Advantage and make an ill use of the aforesaid Injunction I do hereby further enjoin and require you to take Particular care that no encroachments be made by the Magistrates Surveyors or other Officers or people of Sussex upon either the Country or Jurisdiction of this Province or Government, and if any persons shall presume to act contrary thereto I hope you will use all Peaceable and Lawfull Diligence to have them apprehended within the ancient reputed limits of your County that for such offence or Offences they may be brought to a fair and Legal Tryal.

I am Gentlemen
your very humble Servant
Thos. Sharps