

The above mentioned dangerous and ignominious Trade, use every means in my power to detect and discover Persons concerned either as Principals or Accessories therein and also take every step authorized by Law to bring all such heinous offenders to the most exemplary and condign Punishment In order therefore that his Majestys will and Pleasure may be most punctually obeyed within this Province I have thought fit to communicate to you the contents of the aforesaid Letter to which it is expected you will pay due regard so that no such Trade with the Enemy may be carried on by any of the Inhabitants of this Province or if you know any Person that have been already concerned in carrying on such a Trade from Maryland I desire you will inform me and altho no Trade with the Enemy should have been carried on from this Province (which I hope is the case) yet I desire you will by making enquiry concerning the manner of carrying on this pernicious Trade of the Masters of such Vessels as may come from either the West India or the Northern Colonies to enter at your Office and endeavour to trace out and investigate the various Artifices and Contrivances by which the Dealers in this iniquitous intercourse find means to cover their Criminal Proceedings and to elude the Law, and I desire that you will without Delay communicate to me the discoveries you shall make that I may advise his Majestys Ministers thereof. I am

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant  
Robert Sharpe

Advised that that the Warrant of Arrest granted on the 15 Instant to David Crauand Commander of the Brigantine Duke of Marlborough be stopped and that the Captain deliver up all the Papers granted him for that Purpose.

Advised that the Land in Frederick County whereon Fort Frederick is built, and which by Deed is made over to the Governor for the use of the Country, be leased by the Governor in the best manner he can so as to preserve the House already built thereon and that the Rent for the same be paid to the Governor to be applied by him for the Countys Service in such manner as he shall think necessary.

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