

from me, under such Circumstances, than to preserve Peace and good Order in the Province where I have the Honour to preside, until I could receive his Majesty's Instructions, and I flatter myself with hopes that my Conduct on the Occasion will not be condemned, but meet with his Majesty's Approbation.

Sam^r G.

To the Right Hon^{ble} General (in way)

Mor: & Sharpe.

Annapolis^{ic} February 17th 1766.

Sir

In answer to the Letter you wrote to me the 1th of Sept. last, by Order of the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, which I have lately received, I must desire you to acquaint their Lordships, that if the Person appointed to distribute the Stamp Paper within this Province could with any security have proceeded to the Execution of his Office, I should have thought it my Duty to give him all the Aid and Assistance in my Power, and would have punctually complied with their Lordships' Requisitions, but M^r Hood the Distributer, being terrified by the Proceedings of the People, in this as well as the Neighbouring Colonies, retired some Weeks before the Stamp Act was to take place to New York, where he still remains, and as I had no Reason to expect that the People of this Province would suffer him to execute his Office, when almost all the other Distributors on the Continent had been obliged to resign, I did not think it advisable to call upon him to qualify under his Commission, or to expose himself to Insults by returning to the Province, when his Majesty's Service could not be thereby at all promoted, There being in ^{his} Absence no Person authorized to receive the Stamp Paper which was consigned to him, and no Place of Security here in which it could be lodged, I desired Cap^t Brown of His Majesty's Sloop Hawke, who had brought hither a Parcel of it, to keep it on Board, until Instructions could be received from His Majesty's Ministers concerning it, with which request of mine he has complied and still remains at Anchor in this Port.

Sam^r G.

To the Hon^{ble} Board of Trade

Mor: & Sharpe.

This Board being informed by His Excellency the Governor, that an Indian Woman had been left in this City by a certain Gilbert Younger, who had formerly served in the Maryland Forces, and had been taken Prisoner some Years since by the Indians from amongst whom it was conjectured he had inveigled her, is of Opinion, that she ought to be sent back to her friends in order to relieve them from that uneasiness which her Absence may have excited amongst them, Ordered in consequence of this Opinion that the Clerk write the following Letter to John Welsh of Baltimore County.

Sir

The Governor being desirous of sending an Indian Woman to her friends, who has been left at this place by a Man of the Name of Younger, and understanding from M^r Dulany, that you had mentioned William Roberts, who lives on Pipe Creek, as a proper Person who would be willing to conduct her, has directed me to write to you in Order to learn on what terms he would be willing to undertake to carry her, either to Pittsburg or Bedford, as might be thought