

To Brig<sup>g</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Stanton. Annapolis 26. May 1760.

As I am favoured with Your Lett<sup>r</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst advising me of Your being appointed to the Command of His Majesty's Forces in this Part of the Continent in which Command I sincerely wish You much Satisfaction. It has I assure You. Not given me great Concern that this Province hath not afforded You such Assistance as might have been reasonably expected from Us. You will I flatter Myself readily believe that if it should be in my power to contribute by any means to the Advancement of His Majesty's Service. I shall with the greatest pleasure embrace the Opportunity of Doing so. That I am with great Regards

To William Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup>. Belair in Maryland the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1760.  
D<sup>r</sup> Sir:

Together with Your Letter dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of March which I had the Pleasure to receive a few Days ago. I likewise received a Duplicate of the Letter You were so kind as to write to me the 10<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup>. last but the Original is not yet come to hand. I am extremely sorry that Your Endeavours to obtain the Collectorship of Potowmack for M<sup>r</sup> Bidout were not attended with Success however we both think ourselves as much obliged to You as if they had been effectual & in Compliance with M<sup>r</sup> Bidout's Request I beg You'll accept his most grateful Acknowledgments. As there was no Ship about to sail from this Province when we received Advice of M<sup>r</sup> Deacon's Death M<sup>r</sup> Bidout sent the Letters which I thereupon wrote to You, two of them by Way of Virg<sup>a</sup> & One to the Northwest to be transmitted by the first Vessel that should sail for any Part of Great Britain either from Phil<sup>a</sup> or New York. but I have since learnt that a Scotch Ship sailed from Potowmack the very Day or the Day