

behalf. As it would be now improper to deliver either that Letter or the  
other two which were addressed to Ld Albemarle & Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie You  
be pleased to destroy them. In the inclosed Gazette You may see all the  
News that hath lately come to Us from both the Northern & Southern  
Colonies which however I presume You will have heard long before  
this reaches You. Wishing You the Enjoyment of a much better State  
of Health than B. W. tells me You were in when he wrote I am

To Governor Bernard. Maryland <sup>to</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>. 1760.

Sir  
Having upon the Receipt of a Letter from Mr Townall Your Excell<sup>ty</sup>  
Predecessor ordered Briefs to be issued here in May last & a  
Collection to be made throughout this Province for the Relief of the un-  
happy People who suffered by the Fire which some time ago broke out  
in the City of Boston & having reason to believe that a Sum of Money  
from Fourteen to Eighteen hundred Pounds Currency will within these  
three weeks be collected & paid into our Loan Office for the Purpose above  
mentioned. I take the Liberty to desire You will be pleased to inform  
me after what manner You think it will be best for the Commissioners  
of our Loan Office to remit the same to Boston whether in Gold & Silver  
specie or good Bills of Exchequer payable in London. A Pistole with Us  
rated at  $\frac{2}{3}$  a Dollar at  $\frac{7}{8}$  Exchange at present is from 56 to 57  
Wishing Your Excellency's Administration in the Province over which by  
His Majesty's late Appointment You now preside may be easy & happy.