

To Captain Corton -

Sir Several Gentlemen in this Province who act as Agents for Merchants in London & several of the Masters of Ships which came from England last Spring under Your Honour having represented to me by Petitions that it will be impossible for them to load the Vessels with which they are respectively concerned soon enough for them to fall down to Virginia before the 20<sup>th</sup> of next month & that unless You will be pleased to put off the Day of Your Sailing till the 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct. their Ships must either lose the Benefit of Convoy or return to England before their Cargoes can be got on board to the great Detriment of the Merchants in England I take the Liberty to inclose You the abovementioned Petitions hoping that You will if possible agreeable to the Desire of the Petitioners put off the Day of Your Departure &c -

To Joshua Sharpe Esq. Annapolis 1<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1761 -

Sir Having been informed by B. William how assiduous You were to get those Accounts which some time ago transmitted to him papered by the three Generals to whom they had by the Lords of the Treasury been referred for Examination & who it seems were pleased to make such a Report thereon as was agreeable to Your Wishes I embrace this opportunity to make my Acknowledgments to You for that new Instance of Your Friendship & of Your Desire to oblige me & did I know in what manner it would be most agreeable to You that those whose Interest You were endeavouring to promote could acknowledge Your Services I dare say they would in case of their being paid most cheerfully do so.