

her to lie off at a Distance from the Shore or return to the New
Ward Station in Virginia until the People show a better Disposition
I have the Satisfaction to receive from your Ld's some Instructions
about it — I am &c

To General Gage. Annapolis the 6 Sept. 1765

Sir

Your Excellency will I hope excuse the Liberty I am now taking
in making known & introducing to you Mr Hood the Person by
whom this will be presented to you when you know my Motive
for doing so. Happening to be in London at the time when the
Act of Parliament for laying a Stamp Duty in these Colonies was
pass'd some Friends of his were pleas'd to recommend him for
the Office of Distributor of the Stamps within this Province which
he not apprehending that the holding such Office would render him
more obnoxious to his Countrymen than any other Office under the
Crown was glad to accept but on his Arrival in the Province about
a Fortnight ago he was treated with Contempt by many of his
former Acquaintance & hath since been so much terrified by the Pro-
ceedings of a Mob in this Place who met last Monday night &
pulled down an uninhabited House of which he had taken a Lease
& was about to repair that he does not think it safe for him at present
to remain here tho' I offered him the protection of my own House but
is advis'd by his Friends to keep out of the Way of Insults till the
popular Clamour & Resentment of his Countrymen shall abate. If things
he should resolve to leave the Province & repair to New York I flatter
myself your Excellency will give him your Countenance & Protection
while he may choose to stay there. As so great an Outcry has been
made