

Excellency will not give it the least Credit. What Your Excellency had  
heard about - an Officer - belonging to His Majesty's Sloop The Hornet - being  
ill used at a Publick House, here a few Nights after the Mob had  
pulled down Mr Hood's House, was too true, but the ~~Officer~~ Gentleman is ~~now~~  
by this time pretty well recovered as he was in a fair Way when he left this  
place about a Fortnight ago. The Occasion of it was an unlucky Dispute  
about their Prowps into which a Passenger the Officer had with him & One  
Mr Hammond had fallen about Midnight in a large Company at a Publick  
House which they agreed to decide by a Bout at Boxing in which Mr Ham-  
mond was it seems defeated, & obliged to leave the Company, whereupon there  
was an Outcry (supposed to have been raised by some who had been concerned  
in Mr Hood's Affair) thro' the Town that he had been kill'd by the Officer who  
when the Mob was thereby brought together had really like to have been  
murdered by them upon that supposition, but as every Gentleman in Town  
expressed their Abhorrence of this outrage as soon as it was known Nobody  
chose to acknowledge themselves the Actors, & very few that they had been even  
present, nor has there been any Mob raised, or the least Violence committed  
here since that Night, & I am not without Hopes that when the People have  
had time to cool & to consider that such Sort of Proceedings may in the End be  
attended with very serious & perhaps fatal Consequences to some of them they will  
behave themselves for the future after a more orderly manner. With Regard to the

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According to Your Desire signified to Me by Your Letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> of  
April last I now return You such of the Stamp Bonds received with Your  
Letter bearing Date the 21<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1765 as remain unexecuted in my Hands &  
shall remit You the Duty on the other Nine together with the Money for  
the Twenty Mediterranean Passes You were pleased to send me at the same  
time as soon as those Passes shall be disposed of I am Sir Your Obedient Servant

To Lord Shelburne: Annapolis 9<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1766.

The two Letters Your Lordship was pleased to write to me the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>r</sup> last  
having lately come to my hands I now do myself the honour to acknowledge  
my Receipt thereof & to assure Your Lordship that whatever Commands Your