

any Manufactures except a small Bounty to be paid annually till the year 1760 by the County Courts for the five best pieces of Linnen that shall have been made in each County by White Persons being free People & Residents in the County where such Bounty may be claimed: The General Assembly of the Province having met here soon after I received Your Ldps Letter I thought it my Duty to lay the same before them & as from the Circumstance of the Members residing in the several Counties into which the Province is divided they could not be strangers to the Pursuits & Employments of the People I desired them to give Me all the Information they could with respect to the Subject of Your Ldps Enquiry & I take the Liberty to transmit to Your Ldps the Answer which the Lower House of Assembly have thereupon given Me. Should any Manufactures be hereafter set up here or any Encouragement be given for carrying them on I will not fail to advise Your Ldps thereof & shall punctually obey any other of Your Ldps Commands. I am &c

To the Commissioners for Managing His Majesty's Stamp Duties in Great Britain
Gentlemen
Annapolis 9 Decem^r. 1766.

In pursuance of Orders from the Lds of the Treasury communicated to Me by a Letter from Gray Cooper Esq; bearing Date the 3^d of May last I wrote to the Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Ships on the Virginia Station desiring him to send for a Convey to England three Boxes of Stamp Paper which had been landed here by Captain Brown from on board His Majesty's Sloop Hawks but I was never favoured with any Answer to my Letter; & as Their Ldps require Me to forward to You in the most safe & expeditious manner I can all such Packages of Stamp Parchment & Paper as might have been left in this Province I thought it my Duty (no better Opportunity offering) to send the above mentioned three Boxes of Paper to England in a Merchant Ship & have accordingly shipped them in the Brandon of which Henry McLachlan is Master & James Christie a Merchant of London Owner to whom therefore on the Vessel's Arrival You will be pleased to send for them. I am Gent^l

To the Lords of Trade the 10th of Dec^r. 1766

Enclosed therein transmit to Your Ldps a Bond that was on the 23rd Day of Nov^r last delivered to Me by John Penn Esq; Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania who at the