

with Your Ldps as might appear to be necessary for their Consideration
need not be at the Trouble of transmitting to their Ldps Duplicates of my
Dispatches to your Office, but confine Myself to one Channel of Correspondence
conformable to the Spirit & Intention of His Majesty's Order in Council of the
10th of Aug: 1766 (endeavour to act conformably to such your Ldps Intimation
& Directions) I am &c

To Lord Hillsborough. Annapolis 12 Sept: 1766

My Ld. I am now to acknowledge my Receipt of the Letter Your Ldps was
pleased to write to Me the 11th of July directing me in case any thing
should occur within this Province proper to be the Subject of a Letter
to Your Ldp to transmit an Account thereof by any Ship that might be
ready to sail hence if such Opportunity of Conveyance should offer before
one by the Packet from New York & in such Case to transmit by the Packet a
Duplicate of any Letter sent by a Merchant Ship & will not fail to observe
Your Ldps Instructions whenever I may have any thing worthy His
Majesty's Notice or Your Ldps to communicate; indeed I have at times
already pursued that Method when I thought a Letter by that means
would be more safely & more expeditiously conveyed than by the Packet
the Distance between this Place & New York & the Difficulty with which
the Persons employed to carry the Mail perform that Duty in the Winter
Season rendering a speedy Conveyance of a Letter from this Province by
the Way of New York very uncertain, but as many of the British Ships
that trade to this Province take their Cargo on board at Places many Miles
distant from Annapolis & the Time of their Departure is often unknown &
very uncertain, the Persons who load them or live in the Neighbourhood
will frequently have Opportunities of sending home an Account of Occurrences
here earlier than I can possibly transmit an Account thereof to Your
Ldp but whenever any thing material or worthy Notice happens in this
Province I will as far as shall be in my power punctually comply
with Your Ldps Requisition relative to my advising You thereof in
the most expeditious manner — I am &c