

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Hillsborough.]

To Lord Hillsborough.

Annapolis 22^d June 1768

My Ld

The Letter your Ldp was pleased to transmit to me the 21st of April together with a Copy of one from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Massachusetts having been by me received the 20th of this month when the Assembly of this Province happened to be sitting I immediately communicated the Contents to the Lower House hoping that when His Majesty's Sentiments with regard to the Step taken by the Massachusetts Assembly were so explicitly made known to them they would drop any Design they may have adopted in Consequence of the Letter from Boston, but the Result was to my great Mortification just the reverse of what I wish't it to be, for after ruminating upon my Message more than a Day they presented to Me this Afternoon the inclosed Address whereupon an End was put to the Session & I should have immediately dissolved the Assembly had not Experience taught me that no Step is so likely to attach the People to their Representatives as a sudden Dissolution & that on a new Election instantly following None are so likely to be left out as those Members who appeared averse to violent Measures. The Time to which the Assembly now stands prorogued is the first Week of October but I shall not permit them to convene at soonest before next Spring so that if your Ldp pleases to order it they may be dissolved before another Session, at least they will have leisure to consider coolly the Consequences that may attend their bringing on the Province His Majesty's Resentment I am—

Letter Bk. V

[Sharpe to Hamersley.]

Copy of Letter to M^r Hamersley. Dated Annapolis 22^d
June 1768.

D^r S^r

Having an Opportunity to transmit a Letter by a Ship bound hence to Liverpool I embrace it to inform you that I have this Day put an End to the Session of Assembly which as you would learn from my Letter of the 27 Ult had met here the 24th of that Month. During the Session Business seems to have been carried on with the greatest harmony & twenty nine Bills have been pass't into Laws. I may perhaps be now able to send you inclosed the Titles of them by which you may in some measure judge of their Scope or Design, & by Captain Hanrick who will be very soon ready to sail from Potuxent for London I will write more fully to you concern-