

Persons who contract for the Transportation of Felons from Great Britain except
Mr Stewart of London. have paid the Duty on such as they imported into this
Province without murmuring & tho it might be justly said that he is much more
affected by the Act than the others because he transports a much greater Number
yet I cannot help thinking that he ought to have readily submitted to the Payment of
so small a Sum when his profits from trading hither are so exorbitant. Jam. D.

To William Sharpe Esq. ¹² June 1757

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Governor Dinwiddie & the Council of Virginia, having thought proper to
take off the Embargo in that Dominion the 8th of last Month without receiving
any Instructions from Lord Loudoun. to do so: I have at length upon the
Representations that have been since made by the Trading People of this Pro-
vince & with the Advice of the Council permitted the Naval Officers to suffer
some Vessels that were almost loaded when the Embargo was laid to sail from
this Province likewise & to embrace the opportunity to acquaint you that soon
after my Return from Phila^a where I was detained a long time at a conside-
rable Expence I met our Assembly & with a great Deal of Difficulty prevail-
led on them to provide for the Support of the Number of Men that Lord Loudoun
was pleased to require from this Province. It seems the Gent^l did not ap-
prove of their Governors stipulating that they should furnish any certain Quota,
therefore tho they were obliged to acknowledge that it was a very moderate one
they endeavoured to clog the Bill with every Clause that they thought would be
disagreeable, however I have after some cavilling obtained Leave to augment
the Troops in the Pay of this Province to 500, but they have absolutely refused
to comply with one of Lord Loudouns principal Requisitions which was that
the Men should be put under the Direction of Colo Stanwic, or the Officer that
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