

at Heart, and with Regard to which any Failure or Disappointment would be extremely disagreeable.

I am, with great Truth & Regard

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant

Egremont

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

Original.

[Egremont to Sharpe.]

Whitehall 7th Jan^{ry} 1762

Sir: His Majesty having found it necessary to declare war against the King of Spain, was pleased, in a Council held on Saturday last, at St. James's for that Purpose, to sign the inclosed Declaration, & to order that the same should be published on Monday the 4th Instant by the Heralds at Arms in the usual Places and with the accustomed Formalities, which has been accordingly done. You will find the just & indispensable Reasons which have forced the King to take this Measure so fully set forth in the above Declaration of War, that I am only to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure, that you do cause the same to be proclaimed in the Province of Maryland, under your Government in order that the King's Subjects, having this notice may take care to prevent any Mischief which otherwise they might suffer from the Enemy, & do their Duty in their several Stations to distress and annoy the Subjects of Spain; and His Majesty would have you be very rigorous & severe in preventing any Provisions, Ammunition, or Stores of any kind from being carried to them. And you are to use all proper Methods that may be effectual for that Purpose.

I am with great Truth & Regard, Sir

Your most obedient humble servant
Egremont

P. S. His Majesty has been pleased to order Letters of Marque or Commissions to Privateers to be granted in the usual Manner.

Dep^{ty} Gov^r of Maryland

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to the Board of Trade.]

To The Lords of Trade & Plantations. Ann^s 14th January 1762
My Lds.

Having some time ago received a Letter from Your Ldps together with several queries to which Your Ldps were