

into question, the supreme authority of Parliament to bind the Colonies by Laws in all cases whatsoever, which authority His Majesty is determined to preserve and support entire and inviolate, trusting that His faithful Subjects in the Colonies will at the same time be well assured of His royal and gracious disposition to hear and redress every real grievance they may complain of in a regular manner, and upon principles not subversive of the Constitution.

The two Houses of Parliament do entirely concur with the King in these Sentiments, as will best appear from the inclosed Addresses, one of which passed nemine contradicente, and the other without a division; and His Majesty trusts that the Resolution, so strongly expressed in these Addresses, to support the Authority of the supreme Legislature over His whole Empire, will have the effect to defeat and disappoint the views of those wicked Men, who seek to create disunion and disaffection between Great Britain and her Colonies, by asserting claims that cannot be supported either in principle or practice.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Queen was happily brought to bed of a Princess on Tuesday last, and that both Her Majesty and the young Princess are as well as can be desired. I most heartily congratulate you upon this increase of the royal Family; an event that affords the greatest satisfaction to all His Majesty's Subjects.

I am with great regard

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Hillsborough

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

[Hamersley to Sharpe.]

Original.

D^r S^r

I have just time to acquaint your Excellency, that having transmitted all your late Letters & Pacquets to L^d Baltimore, who is now in Holland, for his perusal & my Instruction how to answer them, His Lord^p has by 2 Lines directed me to write your Excellency immediately to call up D^r George Steuart to the Council Board, as he is an old Servant & has always shown, the utmost zeal & attachm^t to his Lord^p & I Trust will be very acceptable to the other Gentⁿ at the Board. I shall write your Excellency very fully by the next Shipping upon the Subject of your late Letters Parliam^t have not yet meddled with America but the Papers are to be Laid before both Houses next week. The Surveyors are arrived, & I am