

And I do require the several Rectors of Parishes, and other Ministers of the Gospel within this Province, to read, or cause to be read, this BRIEF, to their respective Congregations, on the first, second, and third Sundays after they shall receive the same; that they indorse thereon, such Collections as shall be by them severally made; and that this Brief, with the Indorsement thereon, they forthwith transmit to me; and the Sums collected they are forthwith to pay to the Sheriff of each County, to be immediately transmitted to the Commissioners of the Paper Currency Office, in the City of *Annapolis*, that the same may be speedily remitted to the Select-men and Overseers of the Poor of the Town of *Boston*, agreeable to the laudable and charitable Design of the Contributors.

GIVEN at the City of ANNAPOLIS, the Sixth Day of MAY, in the Tenth Year of his Lordship's Dominion, and in the Year of our Lord CHRIST, 1760

Hor^o Sharpe.

Original.

[Gov. Bernard to Sharpe.]

Boston, Sep^t 22 1760

Sir:

I communicated your Letter of the 8th August to the Council, who desire to join with me in returning our Thanks to you and the Gentlemen of your Province on the behalf of the Poor sufferers by the Fire in this Town.

The Benefactions given on this Account are disposed by the Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor, which form a Board of 19 of the Principal Gentlemen of this Town, whereof John Phillips Esq^r is Treasurer. I have consulted them, and they judged it most advisable to negotiate the money p Exchange and have accordingly given their Draft on the Commissioners of the Loan Office of your Province in favour of Mr. Jonathan Williams and Mr. John Soley for Fourteen hundred Pounds Maryland currency. When they know the precise sum they may draw for, they will give their Bill for the remainder.

I am much obliged to you for your Congratulations on my Accession to this Government, and am with great Regard,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient
& most humble Servant

His Excellency Gov^r Sharpe.

Fra. Bernard