

P. R. O.
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hear of our neighbour's house burnt it calls for our care. I humbly advise that the publication of our late laws be hastened and in the first place in S^t Marys, Charles and Somerset Countys, the rest as fast as may be. The restraining Commissioners expenses, encouragements to Maryland owners and sowers of hemp and flax, tillage &c. and the makinge of lynen and woolens; and though wee have weake hands and short leggs yet may work something. The very name of them gives a good sounde: I did not much feare our Militia being braine-sick, but think it is convenient to keep them from infection as much as may be. Pray pardon this hasty letter, you will heare more suddenly. If your Honour sees Catterson pray hasten him to send my letters over to me.

My humble service presented I rest
Your honours humble servant
Will Steevens

Cherry poynt
15th or 16th May 1682.

(Endorsed)

To the hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^{re} Chancellor of Maryland
in his absence to the hon^{ble} Secretary of New York.

Letter from W. Stevens to the right hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^{re} dated 16th May. 1682. & to the Secr^y of Maryland.

Sirs,

Since my wrighing the inclosed have had the oportunity to see under Sir H. C.'s hand the originalls of the Orders to the Militia Officers & the Proclamacōn against these riotous and tumultuous persons. You must take the news as I heare it— I am apt to think there is much truth in it. One that spake with them (as I am told) says that the cutters doe say they will make a generall Cessation. I think the Proclamacōn without other speedy means will be but like a little water throwne on fire—&c. I am still in the same mind concerneing the publicacōn of our laws which makes me wright as I doe the inclost. Excuse haste, my zeal makes me thus trouble your Hon^{rs} &c. in much haste subscribe myselfe as I am

Your Hon^{rs} faithfull servant
W. S.

I think it impertinent to acquaint his Lordshipp I wright the best that I heare giving allowance for some things.

(Endorsed)

To the Hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^{re}
Chancellor of Maryland at S^t Marys
and to the hon^{ble} Secretary of Maryland.

hast for his Lordshipp's service
Will. Steevens.