

Letter Bk. I. might hereafter be practicable to procure a Law to oblige the Sheriffs to collect His Ldp's Quit Rents at the same Rate as is allowed them for publick Debts & Levies (at present 6 p C<sup>t</sup>) whether His Ldp would be inclined or averse to accepting a Law of that nature

I am S<sup>r</sup> &c

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Letter to His Lordsp given M<sup>r</sup> Calvert to transmit by M<sup>r</sup> Gallaway dated 27 Sept 1754.

My Lord

M<sup>r</sup> Calvert having expressed to me great Apprehensions that some one or other has taken the Liberty to misrepresent his Behaviour & Conduct to your Ldp and shewn much uneasiness on that Account, at the same time desiring me candidly to submit to your Ldp my sentiments with respect to his Conduct since my Arrival in the Province hoping a fair Representation thereof might advance him in your Ldps favour & good Graces: Your Ldp will excuse me for troubling you at this time by assuring your Ldp that for my Part I am entirely ignorant of any Transaction of M<sup>r</sup> Calvert but such as shews him to have your Ldps Interest at heart neither has he since I have known him by any means opposed such measures as have been proposed for the Advancement of your Ldps Service.

I am &c.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Sept<sup>r</sup> 1754. Transmitted by M<sup>r</sup> Gallaway in Capt. Biggs.

Sir:

Your Favour by M<sup>rs</sup> Graham who I learn is safe arrived, I have just now received & have immediately thereupon in Obedience to His Ldps Pleasure ordered Comm<sup>n</sup> to be made out to M<sup>r</sup> Charles Graham as Naval Officer of Pocomoke, & have sent to him desiring to see him at Annapolis to give the usual Security & enter upon his Office; I have spoke to M<sup>r</sup> Tasker about the Office of Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> of the Eastern Shore which he has held only nominally & after I have taken an early opportunity of seeing M<sup>rs</sup> Graham I will either appoint M<sup>r</sup> Graham to the Office or if M<sup>rs</sup> Graham chooses let the place be still held by Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker but take care that the futur: profitts as well as the Arrears of that Office be paid to here This I shall do with very great pleasure as well in Obedience to His Ldps Will & your Desire as out of regard to M<sup>rs</sup> Graham herself to whose Ease & happiness I shall receive the