

Calvert Papers. as it will be of great Advantage I hope of the Govern^{ts} Interest for an Act of Parliam^t for that purpose, tho' much doubt it, from their Lord^{ps} Observation in the Report, that it may Effect his Majesty's Revenue. Inclosed is a Let^r from My Lord to you, the Contents in part I know is of a Gratuity for M^r W——— a Person you was in Company with My Lord I am sensible you will add much Estimation with his Lord^p by imeadiate Compliance with his desire towards him, either out of that he points out to you or by some other; you'l excuse this hint to be mindfull to the Desires of a Real Friend, for such is My Lord. My Lord desires of you the Number of White Inhabitants & of Blacks. May all Happiness attend you if Left any Material unansw^d in y^{rs} such shall be in the Next from him who is, with Real Respect

Y^r Very Obedient Hum^{ble} Serv^t
Cæcil^s Calvert.

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[Sharpe to Dinwiddie.]

Annapolis Decem^r 10th [1754]

Sir

I returned last Thursday from Wills Creek where I found the Independants preparing for themselves Barracks, having already compleated the small Stoccardo Fort about which you were advised they had been employed; but as the Fort they have finished is exceedingly small its Exterior Side not exceeding 120 feet I conceived it requisite or rather absolutely necessary to have another much larger raised on an adjacent & more elevated piece of Ground which I have ordered the Maryland Company to proceed on & I hope they will be able to finish it this winter. The Eminence on which it will be situated gives it an entire Command of that already compleated & will defend a Face of that small Fort to which an Enemy might at present approach without being much annoyed or hardly seen from within. however That on which The Troops have been employed may be useful at present & will serve to enclose Store Houses or a Magazine after the other is compleated which I think by an advanced Out Work or two will be easily defended against a considerable number of Troops that may presume to attack it with only a light Train. At my Arrival at the Camp I was much surprized & concerned to find there
p. 32 was no more Provision in the Fort than would suffice the Troops for one Day which I earnestly hope will not be the Case again lest the Enemy should get Intelligence thereof & by posting themselves in different Parties on the adjacent Hills prevent the Arrival of Supplies whereby the Garrison &