

Letter Bk. II. Instructions. His Ldp does at this time receive the forfeitures for neglect in Hawkers & Pedlars to take out Lycence; but he insists on the Lycence Fines also—His Ldp also claims as his Right by prerogative a Fine for Lycencing Ferries, so did the late Lord once & to quiet the peoples Clamour immediately dropt the Affair, at this time some of our Ferries are kept by Order of the County Courts the person who keeps the Boats has a Sum of Tob^o levied by the Justices on the C^{ty} for his payment & the Ferry is free, other Ferries are kept by private persons who demand of Passengers what they please & passengers must pay their Demand or be refused conveyance, most certainly a Regulation is necessary but the people will never vest the proprietor with the Right & power of granting Lycences, & he will not pass a Regulating Bill witho^t it. I earnestly beg the favour of your Opinion on these matters. Yesterday I received Advice that a party of French Indians had fallen on our Back Inhabitants of whom they killed three
 p. 97 & carried off 8 prisoners, Another party at the same time fell on the Inhabitants of Virg^a who are settled at a Distance, they say that 11 of them have been found murdered & many others who are missing are supposed to have been carried off, I immediately apprized our Assembly thereof & desired them to enable me to raise a Company of Rangers to prevent such Accidents for the future, in Answer they presented the inclosed Address, but postponed the making suitable provision till Monday Morning. Be pleased to let B^r W^m peruse this & deliver or send the inclosed—

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

June 29th 1755—

Sir

Your Favour dated the 16th of April I have just now received, His Ldp's Commands with respect to Doctor Sharpe shall be complied with whenever a Living of Value shall become vacant. I have received a Letter from M^r Eversfield a Clergiman in Prince Georges C^{ty} desiring me to recommend his Son who is at Oxford to the Bishop for Orders & tells me as an Inducement to my doing so that you advised or directed his Son to take such measures. M^r Eversfield himself bears a very good Character but as his Son has not been in the Province since my Arrival I nor none else here can give him Letters Testimonial to the Bishop of his good Life & Conversation or of his Abilities, such a one he must get signed by the Fellows of the College where he has received his Education & I am informed no Bishop will refuse a College Testimonium; Lest the Bishop should object to the Title that the Son will