

sylvania and Aggrandize the Capital; and Strengthen to do for that Province what by Quakerisme is denied, that of Defence; and under such Circumstance might ease Them at a Dead Lift and Befriend Them in that which the inward Spirit must move them to do agreeable to the Fundamental Law of Nature, that of Self Preservation.—It is alledged, Force composed of Foreigners who have always been true to hired Trust, their Service is most likely will be best Effected by Command received in Language from Native Officers. I Learn the Question on this matter is put off till after the Holidays, to which time this day both Houses adjourn'd to the 13th of January Ensuing.

May all Happiness attend you and the Province of Maryland is the sincere wish of him who is with all Respect and Esteem

Dear Sir

Yours Sincerely

Cæcil^s Calvert

Pos^t. Inclosed are Publick news Papers, with the London Gazette containing many alterations in offices, with Levy of Additional Regiments, I've not time to inclose you a Duplicate of mine of the 22^d of August, hoping 'tis with you; as the most materials therein being mentioned in the Pos^{ts} of succeeding Letters.

By my Postscript to M^r Lloyd you'l observe he has in some measure answer'd Complaint against him. His Lordship hopes your Endeavours with relation to the Sheriffs being the Collectors of His Revenues will succeed.

Pos^t On closing this I have yours of the 20th & 26th of October in a Box with the Laws passed at a Session of Assembly the 23^d of June 1755, The Ship being upon her departure gives but little time to observe few parts of yours.—To the Affair of M^r Stewart's upon Convicts, M^r Attorney General here Expressed himself to me with much Warmth against the Assembly in Assuming to themselves to charge Acts of Parliament, that the duty of his office obliged him to protect, And if My Lord did not Dissent to that Maryland Act he would severely proceed against it. his hint I understood was, he would move the House of Commons of a violation upon an Act of theirs by an Act of the Maryland Assembly & Contrary to their Charter. the Consequence is easily conceived, that of a Censure falling Both upon the Proprietor and Houses of Assembly; Both which I had no other way to Protect from Harm, But denying a Duty charged by any Act of Assembly ipso facto nam'd as Convicts, and of which I would convince him by sending him the Act upon Duties Personally; He