

virtue of His Majesty's Commission I sent him Orders to con-Letter Bk. II. fine himself to the Command of the Fort alone & not interfere with any Troops in the Barracks or assume any Authority over the Virginians that should be there Posted—

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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Annapolis the 5th Ian^y 1756. transmitted by Capt
Montgomerie.

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By a Ship which I am told is just about to sail from Potowmack I embrace this Opportunity of acknowledging the Receipt of your Lett^s of the 22^d of Augst & 4th of Sept^r together with His Ldp's Instructions of the same Date. I only want two Constable's Returns of the Number of People in their Districts to compleat a List of the Number of our Inhabitants, as soon as they are received such an exact List shall be made out for his Ldp & sent in my first Lett^r Col^o Tasker accepts the Office on the Conditions you offer, viz the payment of £200 annually to your Order, & acts by my Appointment till you shall please to send him a Deputation. As M^r Darnal peremptorily refuses to resign the Naval Office of Potuxent & become Keeper of either Rent Roll I cannot execute that part of His Ldp's Instructions as I intended to do as soon as M^r Thomas & Col^o Lloyd come to Annapolis which I expect in a few Days, I shall give Col^o Lloyd such a Hint as you desire & make M^r Tho^s an Offer to be Joint Commissary with M^r Tasker which I hope he will accept, otherwise I shall be much at a loss, there being no Gentⁿ else in the Council at all acquainted with the Law except M^r W^m Goldsborough & Colo Henry who reside on the Eastern Shore & would not I apprehend be induced by such an Office to quit their Plantations. p. 180 Twas the want of such Gentⁿ in his Ldp's Council as I have heretofore intimated to you that made me recommend three of the Profession in my former Lett^s beside those whom His Ldp approved of. I am sorry the Capt. who charged himself with the Box you speak of acted so contrary to Order by delivering it at a distant Post-Office when he was himself bound directly for London. The Lead was inclosed to sink the Box in case of the Vessel's falling into the hands of the Enemy which at that time we should not have been surprized to hear & I conceived such a Precaution necessary on Acco^t of the Plan of Operations which I by that Opportunity sent his Ldp, but you may be assured no such Accident shall happen for the future. You say his Ldp would have that part of his Province which lies beyond Wills-Creek divided from Frederick Cty &