

sioner of the Treasury is Dead, he is regarded a Loss. The Duke of Newcastle succeeds him at the Treasury, his Station in the House of Commons & other office as yet no appointment, 'tis thought Difficult who to say.—In your answer to the Earl of Holderness the first Paragraph of the Lower House's Address to you in Answer to your Message occasion'd by His Lordship's Letter; Is thought here will be sufficient.

Yours sincerely

Cæcil^s Calvert.

Post.

Phil^m Young of Calvert County has applied to me for Preferment in MaryL^d I am totaly unacquaint'd with him I told him I shou^d write to you leaving all favour in relation to him to your directions and Iudgement, he says the Lord promised him Service. The Surveyor's on making my Lord Surveys of Mannor Lands you must take care how they do them otherways they will be sadly executed they shou^d be all of a size Large & Book'd with the Particularys relating to the premises fairly & with Accuracy incerted in the Plan this I hope you'll order into excecution with^t Delay as it will well please my Lord the return of them.

Original.

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Williamsburg Virg^a Mar. 25th 1754.

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Yours of the 11th Curr^t I duely rec^d & am heartily sorry y^r Assembly will not assist with Forces to repell the unjustifiable Encroachments of the French. I am oblig'd by His Majestys Com^{ds} to endeavour the building of two Forts on the Ohio, but I fear the small Force rais'd here will not be sufficient.

The President of North Carolina writes me that their Assembly have voted^r £12,000 Proclam^a Money, & that they are enlisting Men accordingly, & thinke they will raise 750—The Gov^r of Pensylv^a thinks he will be able to prevail with the Assembly to grant a handsom Supply, their House are to sit down the second of next Month.

I have rais'd 300 Men, which, with a Comp^a under Cap^t Trent's com^d now at the Ohio, is all I can propose to raise from the small Sum given by our Assembly, but I doubt not they will increase the sum hereafter.—I am thorowly convinc'd of your assiduous endeavours with your People; but there is no resisting an ill-founded Prejudice; if they wou^d look forward & Consider the dismal Consequences that must follow the Settlem^t of the French so near our Frontiers, they certainly wou^d chearfully assist with a proper Supply; as it's easier to prevent their settling, than dislodge them when settled; besides