

The Independent Companies from S<sup>o</sup> Carolina I expect this Week, whom I shall send up to Alexandria immediately to follow the others; & I very soon expect two other Companies from N York, & have great Dependence on a Supply from Pennsylvania, which, when met in a Body, I hope with the Assistance of our friendly Indians, will enable me to comply with His Majesty's Comands, & make a proper Head against the French.

I shall be very glad of Your Advice & Opinion on the Whole, & I beg Leave to assure you that

I am  
Y<sup>r</sup> Excell<sup>s</sup>  
most Obed<sup>t</sup> & hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dinwiddie

P: S: Our General Court  
is just going to meet  
which puts me in a  
great Hurry. }

Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe

Original.

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

London April 17<sup>th</sup> 1754.

Dear Sir

By His Lordship's Instructions inclosed you have His answers as to the Material Parts of yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, the 10<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of December last; with His answers to the several Publick Papers.

The Maryland Gazette in which is recited the Acts of Assembly, November the 22<sup>d</sup> bears date about the time the Sessions of Assembly Ended, began on the 2<sup>d</sup> of October last. The Transmission of the Laws of the Assembly, no Arrival of them is surprizing. It being almost now five months since the Close of the Assembly. I therefore cannot write certain in relation to the Laws, they not having My Lord's Consideration. I shall only make some Cursory Remarks on two Laws, the Merchants here as represented to Them by their Correspondents think prejudicial; And if true may Endanger the Proprietor's Dissents. Viz<sup>t</sup>

A Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled, An Act for the Relief of Creditors in England against Bankrupts, who have imported any Goods into this Province, not accounted for.

I am inform'd the merchants in a Body intend to Petition the Proprietor against the Supplementary Act. Aledging that upon a Bankrupt Person in Maryland his Creditors here are not to have Benefit of any of his Effects in Maryland, But from an Over-plus after the Creditors are fully paid in the Province. This the Merchants say is very alarming and will stop their