

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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16th of Oct^r 1756 transmitted by Cap^t Nowel.

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I embrace this Opportunity of informing you that after passing an Act for His Majesty's Service &c and five others of little Consequence I last Saturday prorogued the Assembly to the last Day of next March. Inclosed I send you a Copy of the Act abovementioned. The Militia Bill I spoke of was (as I apprehended it would be) thrown out by a majority of the Lower House, as you will see by a Copy of their Journal which shall be sent by the next Ship that sails. As soon as an End was put to the Session I gave Commissions for raising a Company of 100 men for the better Defence of the Frontiers & as the person who is to have the Command of it is in some Esteem with the people of his County I hope it will be soon compleated. I hear from Fort Frederick that no Indian has been discovered for a considerable time on or near our Borders & that the Frontier Inhabitants are at present quite easy, one third of the Garrison being always abroad & patrolling between Potowmack & the Temporary Line. I have also appointed several Persons to recruit in different parts of the Province for the Royal Americans but I am afraid that notwithstanding so great a Bounty is offered & allowed by the Act it will be some time before We can collect our 300 Men for that Regiment. I have not received a Syllable of News from the Northward or the Southward since I last addressed Myself to His Ldp wherefore I shall not trouble him with a Letter at this time. As I could no longer entertain any hopes of M^r Tilghman's perfecting the Rent Rolls or paying due Obedience to His Ldp's Commands I offered M^r W^m Goldsborough the Office as I informed you I should but upon his declining it & assuring me that his ill State of Health would not suffer him to accept my Offer, I have appointed M^r W^m Thomas M^r Tilghman's Successor. He is a Gentⁿ that has endeavoured to deserve well of the Gov^t The Son of M^r Thomas of the Council, & one that I persuade myself will not spare any pains to give His Ldp the Satisfaction that he expects & requires. In short I have consulted nothing in this Appointment but His Ldp's Interest & Honour & hope M^r Thomas will meet with His Ldp's & your Approbation. &c.

[Sharpe to Fox.]

Letter Bk. III

28th Oct^r 1756.

R^t Hon^{ble}

I have very lately had the Honour to receive His Majesty's Instructions dated at Kensington the 5th of Iuly together with