

Impossible there Can be a Greater Tye than to Aid each other Against so ruinous an Enemy and Against whome Every pticular hath his defence by union to the Sovereign and themselves Equally—Lord Baltimore is much Concern'd at the unfortunate Issue of things, hope Affairs will amend, he thinks himself happy in his Province being under y^r Conduct and of w^{ch} he is sensible by Convincing proofs from your Vigilance & Circumspection to the Safety and well being of all he has trusted to y^r Care and of which, none Can have a Greater Sensibility of than him who is wth real Esteem D^r Sir

Y^r Oblig^d hble Serv^t
Cæcil^s Calvert.

Post^t It is with real concern I write of the Death of your Brother John, who died last fall at Bristol; a great Loss to our Affairs. y^r last packet to him is deliver'd to y^r Brother William, as well as y^{rs} to him. In the Room of M^r Fox, W^m Pitt is appoint'd Sec^y of State; he is a Person Deem'd of peculiar discernment, great expectations are estimat'd from his Abbilities, therefore Note him for y^r particular acquittance to him on Affairs of the Province. Inclosed you have his Majesty's Speech & the Addresses of Both Houses of Parliam^t 24 Companies of Private men & one Regim^t from Ireland sail'd last month for America; and Transports are taking up for 10. or 11 Regm^{ts} more destin'd shortly thereof w^{ch} Regim^{ts} I inclosed you a List. By a List the Army here is 49749 I suppose Including officers. Inclosed are Gazettes & Historical Magazines & Evening Posts, as will Inform you of Publick affairs and of Change of Ministry. The Comōn's have voted 55000 Men for Sea Service includ^s Manner for 1757 & £1213746:3^s 9^d for paym^t of 49749 Men & for Guards & Garrisons in G. Britain & £423963:16^s:10^d for the fforces & Garrisons in the Plantations & Gibraltar—By this Packet you have his Lords^p Comissⁿ to you as Vice Admiral of the Province—My Lord is ab^t settling with the Mess^{rs} Penns by Offer from himself, that if they agreed on paying their own Cost for Law Charges since the commencement of the suit, he wo^d free them of all Demands on his side for Cost, & was ready to finish affairs with them agreeable to his Father's Articles of agreement; I understand not from him, they have Accept'd his offer, & Orders given M^r Hemersley to proceed upon it. It Chagrin's me much, I know not the Advice nor motive th^t so precipitately hurry's him to so great wrong of himself. M^r Ridout's transmissions on the Law of 1704 & the 14^d p^r Ton are rec^d my Lord thanks him for the Papers and Assiduity therein—In Case M^r Lloyd Agent, shol^d Resign, wo^d it not be Adviseable to appoint an Agent & Receiver to each Shore, & of such Persons as reside on each Shore?—On closing this I