

those who have heretofore had the Care & Management of these Lands None of whom have recorded or kept Copies of the Leases that they granted, & as many Tenants have lost their Leases & know not how their Lands are situated or bounded. The Surveyors have scarcely any thing to direct them in running out the Tenements, which by the Platts that have been already returned me greatly interfere with & intersect each other. Letter Bk. I.

Mr Will<sup>m</sup> Goldsborough whom your Lordship was at my Instance pleased to honour with a Seat at the Council Board has been in a very bad State of Health for some time & by what I can learn is not likely to recover. In Case of His Decease your Ldp will be pleased to signify who is to succeed him as Judge of the Admiralty Court, it is not a place of any Profit & of very little Trouble but if your Ldp pleases it would be much for the Ease of the People that may have Occasion to apply to him if the Judge be some Gent<sup>n</sup> that usually resides at Annapolis. p. 255

I am &c—

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

4<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1757. transmitted by Capt Thompson

Sir

In my Letter dated the 30<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> I intimated to you that the Earl of Loudoun had advised me of his Intention to send Seven Companies of the Royal American Regiment to quarter themselves for the Winter in this Province; That the Men may be more easily disciplined during the winter & more readily assembled at Phil<sup>a</sup> in the Spring His Lordship restrained their Quarters to Kent & Cæcil, but as there are but four small Towns or Villages & scarcely any Publick Houses in these Counties the Men were put to some Difficulties & wanted for a time many of the Necessaries & Conveniences that Soldiers expect to be supplied with when they come among the Inhabitants, Upon the Representation of Major Prevost their Commanding Officer & by the Advice of His Lordship's Council I summoned the Assembly to meet the 24<sup>th</sup> of last Month but many of the Families in this Town being at that time ill of the Small Pox no more than 14 of the Burgresses would venture near us, wherefore after four Days I thought fit with the Advice of the Gentlemen of the Council to comply with the Request of the Speaker & those that did attend by proroguing them to the 10<sup>th</sup> of next Month when I hope we shall be pretty free from the Distemper abovementioned which on Account of their Families being very large is much dreaded by the People of this Country. The Soldiers p. 256