

Copy.

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

London April the 7th 1757.

Sir

By Acc^t from Ireland, Admiral Holbourn is sail'd with fifteen of the Line & Transports on Board ab^t eight Thousand Land forces with a Large Train of Artillery & Warlike stores for America, the Fleet was wind bound above six weeks at Spithead. By Cap^t Johnston for Patuxent River with The Trade convoy'd, I answer'd seven Letters of yo^{rs} of 1756 with his Lordships Instructions of that Date, confirming the several Laws pass'd by you in the Sessions of Assembly Held the 3^d of Feb^y 1756. with his Vice Admiral's commission & divers other concerns, your requests to my Lord—Y^{rs} of the 16th of Oct^r since rec^d you mention "after passing An Act for his Majesty's service with five others, you had prorogued the Assembly & that you Inclosed a Copy of the Act above mention'd," I have rec^d none, however by the Journals of the Upper house of th^t Assembly Held the 14th of Sep^r & prorogued by you to the 31st of March, the Act nor the five others passed can I apprehend meet with disaprobation, but this you'l know on Arival of the Laws to my Lord; who well approves of yo^{rs} conduct & gives him much satisfaction to understand that from Fort Frederick you hear no Indian has been discover'd near the Borders & that the Frontier Inhabitants were quiet & easy; protected by Garrison Guard patrolling between Potomack & the Temporary Line.—His Lord^{ps} approves of y^r dismissal of M^r Edw^d Tilghman Rent-Roll-keeper of the Eastern shore he has no exception to M^r W^m Thomas being in that Office, save M^r Thomas's not residing on the shore, which he observes will be very detrimental to his Affairs there bro^t & left in the greatest confussion by the neglect of M^r Tilghman, and only to be rectified by an assiduous, intelligent person on the spot, for compiling the Rentals & charge of Rent to the Tenants, the means for settling with the Farmers; besides, the Rental Books passing from shore to shore he thinks is too hazardous by water of their being lost or Damaged: thus circumstanced, he's of opinion it will be best to appoint M^r Thomas into another Office, if he can't Reside on the Eastern Shore or unless you can prevail on M^r Lloyd to exchange Rent-Roll-keeper of the Western to the Eastern, as M^r Thomas's Residence is on the Western shore. perhaps M^r Lloyd may be for resigning the agency, if so Whether it would not be greatly of advantage to my Lord's concerns instead of having one Receiver General to have two, one Residing on each shore. the circumstance of these Affairs he leaves to y^r Iudgement to operate as opportunity serves, with notice thereof.