

ginia's Requisition, which I am in some hopes, the laudable & generous Example of the several neighbouring Colonies will prompt them to give. I shall have an early opportunity by a Ship that will depart in 3 weeks or a Month to acquaint your Ldp with the Event of our meeting, & my performance of some particulars that were required by the last Letter I was favoured with from your Ldp's Secretary. I have taken an Opportunity since my arrival of visiting Baltimore which indeed has the Appearance of the most increasing Town in the Province, tho it scarcely answered the Opinion I had conceived of it: hardly as yet rivaling Annapolis in number of Buildings or Inhabitants; its Situation as to Pleasantness Air & Prospect is inferior to that of Annapolis, but if one considers it with respect to Trade, The extensive Country beyond it leaves no room for Comparison; were a Few Gentⁿ of fortune to settle there & encourage the Trade it might soon become a flourishing place but while few beside the Germans (who are in general Masters of small Fortunes) build & inhabit there I apprehend it cannot make any considerable Figure. I am promised as soon as it can be completed by a Gentⁿ therein residing a plan of the Town as it is begun & designed to be perfected, which I hope to convey your Ldp with my farther Sentiments & a particular Description of its Site & of the adjacent Country when I again take the Liberty of assuring your Ldp how much I am your Ldp's most devoted humble Serv^t

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

3^d of May 1754. transmitted by Capt: Coxen.

Sir

Had any Opportunity offered within this two Months I should have sent you before Copies of all the Laws made at a Session of Assembly begun & held at Annapolis the 2^d of Oct^r 1753 that Reference might be more easily had to any thing New or extraordinary by them Enacted I have according to His Ldp's pleasure now inclosed therewith a few Sheets containing Observations on several of them according to the Order in which they follow each other in the Book covered with Marble paper. Advising with His Ldp's Agent & the Judge of the Land Office about having parcell's of Land surveyed in the several Counties & erected into Mannours I was informed that there is not a Tract of Land unless one that I have a prospect of discovering in the lower part of the Eastern Shore & the Barrens extensive enough to answer that purpose in any part of the Province except in Frederick County near the Frontiers & there are two mannours surveyed & reserved in that County

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