

that will accept the place on those Conditions & I know none Letter Bk. I.  
 who can execute the Office with better Abilities. He is a  
 Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Law in great practice well esteemed & I am per-  
 suaded from his Behaviour & Professions at my Arrival & his  
 Conduct since that He will not fail in his Duty either to the  
 Gov<sup>t</sup> or to yourself. I have hinted to Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd to be punctual  
 in his Remittances & am assured you will not find him negli-  
 gent or deficient. I am &c.

P. S. May 9. I yesterday opened the Session with the  
 inclosed Speech & received the inclosed Address thereon.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

11<sup>th</sup> of May 1754. transmitted by Capt. Coxen in the Molly.

Dear S<sup>r</sup>

Your Favour of Ian<sup>y</sup> 11 I had the Satisfaction to receive &  
 beg leave to seize this Opportunity to make my Acknowledg-  
 ments to you for your Care & Sollicitude to undeceive his Ldp  
 & to represent things to him in their proper light. The  
 Reasons I have taken the Liberty to urge in my other Letters  
 for not having already put in execution the plan you favoured  
 me with for collecting the Rents I hope will be thought satis-  
 factory, & I am persuaded any Gent<sup>n</sup> who is a Stranger in this  
 Country must have been very deficient in his payments to my  
 Lord or have himself suffered from entering into such Con-  
 ditions as you say were proposed: What Benefit could be  
 promised to His Ldp from a Person's being sent over here to p. 47  
 inspect the Offices I cannot readily conceive; as their making  
 exorbitant Demands on the People is I presume sufficiently  
 provided for by the Assembly in the Inspection Law, & that  
 those who have the honour to serve My Lord in any Capacity  
 do him the strictest Justice I will make so much my peculiar  
 Care as to prevent the necessity of his Ldp's Commissioning any  
 such Inspector general. that the Scheme is dropped I heartily  
 rejoice & must think that all parties as well as myself are  
 highly indebted to you for preventing it's being put in Execu-  
 tion—I thought myself in justice to the great Care you had  
 taken in procuring such Arms as were lately returned the  
 Province obliged when the Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Assembly dined with  
 me last Session to mention the Arms to them as meriting their  
 notice & Examination & did not fail setting your Assiduity &  
 Care in obtaining them in the Light in which they deserve to  
 appear.

My proposing an Act for the Support of the Currency of  
 the neighbouring Colonies was occasioned by a Person's being  
 lately convicted in Philadelphia for uttering counterfeit paper