

declines his acceptance jointly with M^r Tasker of the Commissary office, w^h surprises me because their appointment by My Lord was done agreeable to their own Desire M^r Tasker aledges 'tis on Acc^t of the Low Price of Tobacco, that reduces the fees of the office, there may be something at present in that respect, but that will not long hold, I hope he only Speaks his sense thereon in view of his own Interest, I've rec^d no Letter from M^r Dulany you will be very good to him to perswade him to Accept, otherways My Lord will appoint another with M^r Tasker, w^h will be Loss to M^r Dulany he will repent his being the Occasion of himself.

Yesterday mor^g M^r Jenings was with me, he said he had some Design for France. I asked him what his design was in regard to his return to Maryland & Desired it of him to tel me ingeniously he said he had no thoughts of returning to the Province provided his returns of money did not fail him, in Answer, I said that might be a material point to him, but in regard to My Lord & his office under me he must come to a resolution, to that he replyed, he submitted to My Lord & my self, as it was likely he shou^d not return He shou^d not take it Ill if removed. I thereupon left it to his further consideration & we are in a few Days to go together to Wood Cote at w^h time with My Lord this Affair will be settled, he mentioned M^r Brice to me for his Successor as my Deputy

The Attor^y General of Virginia I am inform'd is turn out, by reason of his journey & Errant here contains a Dispute with his M—— from the Virginians in Respect to the Pistole a ffee insist'd, on taking out the Landed Grants under the Crown, the Comp^t will shortly have a hearing before the Council Board, the determination is thought will be the Pistole & I think the Attor^y has a good chance to be restored he having M^r Hanbury his fast friend.

The Affair of M^r Calvert & M^r Sterling is not as yet determin'd here by the Lord's of Treasury 'tis M^r Philpots fault who has neglected it with the Commissioners of Customs your Brother John promises me faithfully if opportunity serves to do M^r Ridout Service therein

Your
Affect friend
Cæcil^s Calvert

Excuse Errors in haste.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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My Lord

Thursday last in compliance with their Request I pro-