

The sudden Dispatch & shortness of time Admits me to say no more to you. I am with peculiar esteem

Y^{rs}
Unfeignedly
Cæcil^s Calvert

Pos^t On closing of this I receive acc^t of Cap^t Coxen arrival I hope the Publick papers &c. are a board of him I have as yet received none of the first from you since your Arrival into the Province nor of any other Intelligence save what I have ans^w^d you. By the first ship M^r Tasker will receive a Letter of Attor^y ab^t the Protested Bills of Exchange M^r Graham died in his Passage, My Lord I believe intends the Naval office of Pocomack & the Surveyor's Place for M^r Cha^s Graham as a means for his Support of M^{rs} Graham the Widow, who returns to the province; Therefore they must be kept vacant. M^r Att^y Randolph is dismiss^t of his employ & the Petition ag^t the Pistole rejected.

My L^d sends you his best wishes.

[Commission to Sharpe.]

Original.

F: Baltimore. Frederick Absolute Lord & Proprietor of the Province of Maryland and Avalon in America and Baron of Baltimore in the Kingdom of Ireland To our trusty & well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esquire Lieutenant General & Cheif Governor of our said Province of Maryland Greeting.

Whereas His Majesty from the great Confidence he has in your military skill and Abilities has thought it for the publick Service to constitute and appoint you Lieutenant Colonel of the Forces intended to be sent against the Forces who have invaded his Majesty's Dominions in the Province of Virginia and other parts of America. And I being desirous to further such his Majestys Royal Intention and to do all in my power to oppose & repell the common Enemy and to express the great Satisfaction it gives me that His Majesty has done me the Honour to shew this his repeated Approbation of my Choice of you for my Governor of my Province of Maryland by Granting you his own immediate Commission as an officer fit & proper to be employed in so great & national Undertaking; and out of the Regard I have for you and from a sincere Inclination to promote your Welfare. I do hereby signify my Desire That you do forthwith proceed to pay all due & punctual obedience to his Majesty's Royal Commission according to the Tenor and true Intent and meaning thereof. And in Case his Majesty's Service in consequence of the said