

[Dinwiddie to Sharpe.]

Original.

Williamsburg Virg^a July 9th 1754.

S^r

Agreeable to your advice I have delivered the Prisoners to Cap^t Strahan, the charges in bringing them from the King's Ship, & keeping them in Prison here, I think should be paid by your Treasurer, you have the Acc^t enclosed.—I wish you an agreeable Meeting with your Assembly, & hope they will now be convinc'd of the Necessity of granting a Supply for conducting the Expedition against the com^{on} Enemy; & more so as the Property of every Individual in these Colonies are so much concerned & in Danger.

I shall be glad to hear the result of your Assembly, & I am with very great esteem & Regard.

Y^r Excellency's
most obed^t hble Serv^t
Rob^t Dinwiddie

P: S: The Bearer brings the
Examinat. of the Prisoners
in S^o Carolina—

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

Original.

London July 13th 1754.

Dear Sir

I have it in Commandment from [the] Lord Proprietor to acquaint you, that you are on the receipt of this Letter not to fail immediately to appoint & Commission M^r Charles Gratham of Calvert County Naval Officer of the Port of Pocomake, he giving such security as is usual for his just paym^t of the monies th^t shall become due to the Proprietor &c. I am inform'd M^r Tasker Iun^r held the Survey^r General's Office of the Eastern shore for the benefit of the late M^r David Graham paym^t to him as to his produce; the Widow of M^r Grayham with an Infant who is the Bearer of this to you intending to reside in the province with her Brother in Law M^r Grayham who is willing to support & maintain her & Child, tis but reasonable he shol^d be recompenced for such Charge he must Necessarily be at of happiness to her, therefore, it will be agreeable to his Lord^{ps} Desire, that in case it be good Policy not to remove M^r Tasker from the Surveyors office & place therein M^r Grayham, you will not fail with^t delay of giving M^r Cha^s Grayham an Equivalent as to value in money by stating him in some other Office.

I need not be further Urgent in this Affair to you, the consanguinity of the Widow to the Proprietor & his family, her real worth & good Character she bears in Life, under greivous Distress as to want all support truly Craves his Lord^{ps} & your