

I hope by sailing of the Transports from N York they must have some Acc^t of the Arrival of the Forces from Britain

With great Regard I remain

Your Excellency's

Most obed^t hble Servant

Rob^t Dinwiddie

Gov^r Sharp.

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[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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My Ld.

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Ldp's Instructions dated the 16th Decem^r last whereby Your Ldp is pleased to signify your Assent to the several Acts of Assembly that were made in Feb^y 1756. which Assent I shall take Care to have recorded agreeable to your Ldp's orders. Your Ldp may be also assured that I shall strictly observe & conform to the Charge that you are pleased to give concerning the due Collection of the Impost on Tob^o for the Support of Gov^t & the Tonnage Duty. I hope your Ldp did not suspect from any thing that I have writ on that Subject that I was myself inclined or by any others advised to make any Concession on that point. I do assure Your Ldp that nothing was farther from my Thoughts & I cannot but flatter myself that Your Ldp is convinced from what I writ on this Subject, & the State which I transmitted that I was convinced in my own Conscience that Your Ldp's Right was inviolable & that it would stand any scrutiny or Examination whatever. It gives me great pleasure to find that Y^r Ldp approves of my Conduct with regard to the Neutrals that were imported from Nova Scotia & the Petition of the Roman Catholicks that was presented agst the Supply Bill I shall take Care as far as in me lies that No Injustice be done Your Ldp in the Assessment or Collection of the Tax that is imposed on the Mannour or Demised Lands & will not fail to pay due Regard to your Ldp's Injunction about the Quit Rents if that Matter should ever come into Dispute. I observe what your Ldp says concerning M^r Young M^r Darnall, M^r Thomas the Mess^{rs} Goldsboroughs Colo Henry & M^r Dulany but as M^r Darnall will not choose to quit the Office that he now holds & the Rest depend on his Resignation, the Gentlemen will all remain as they are unless your Ldp should hereafter think fit to order any Alteration. M^r Young will therefore continue Naval Officer of Pocomoke & Surveyor Gen^l on the Eastern Shore, M^r Darnall Naval Officer of Potuxent & M^r Thomas one of the Rent Roll Keepers. I am affraid M^r W^m Goldsborough will never be able to execute any office or to return again to Annapolis, M^r Dan^l Dulany has