

Letter Bk. I. wards the Frontiers with the utmost Expedition. It happened that Dagworthy's second Letter reached Col^o Stanwix before he decamped but the Virg^a Militia continued out some Days which must have occasioned a very considerable Expence to that Govern^t The Day after ours were dismissed I returned again to Annapolis & I have the pleasure to inform Your Ldp that the Peoples Fears are again vanished & that our Forwardness to march on this Alarm had so good an Effect on the Frontier Inhabitants that none of them left their Settlements on this Occasion I do not doubt but the party of the Enemy that is come out will divide themselves & do Mischief on the Frontiers of these provinces before they Return, indeed some Mischief has been already done by them in Pens^a but as we have at this time upwards of 200 Men at Fort Frederick I am in hopes that our People will be pretty well secured.

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

1st July 1757. transmitted by Capt Curling.S^r

I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 16th Dec^r last together with His Ldp's Instructions of the same Date & also your Favour of the 17th Feb^y by Capt Coolidge who is very lately arrived. It gives me great Satisfaction to find that all the Laws which were made in Feb^y 1756 have met with His Ldp's Approbation & that you think I did Right in taking no farther Notice of the Petition that was presented by the Roman Catholicks agst the Supply Bill. I am also glad that His Ldp is pleased to order you to take an opinion on the State of the Revenue Laws, not for my own Satisfaction for I was well convinced in my Conscience of the Validity of those Laws & that the Assembly was entirely wrong, & no Act should ever have been made or Step taken while I had the honour to reside here that could invalidate in the least His Ldp's Right to the Impost & Tonnage, but for the Conviction of such as have not considered the Affair so throughly as I have done & are therefore misled & the Satisfaction of those that shall come after Us I am well pleased that His Ldp has taken this Resolution. I have taken the Liberty to write to my Brother Joshua on the Affair of Convicts & desired him to draw up a State thereof for your Perusal & to submit it with your Approbation for the Attorney General's Opinion for I find that M^r Steuart's Factors persist in their Refusal to pay the Duty. I am sorry that M^r Hanbury should have said that I was averse to doing any thing for M^r Wolstenholme when I have assured him of the Contrary by several Letters: I have already told you that I made him an Offer of

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