

Ldp's Secretary: but in Answer to the Question which M<sup>r</sup> Letter Bk. IV  
Calvert asks concerning the Charity School the Plan of which p. 95  
was set on foot some years ago by the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Bacon in  
Talbot County It is my Duty to inform Your Ldp that for  
want of a sufficient Number of Subscribers (the accidental  
Donations that were expected falling short) the Scheme could  
not be carried into Execution; There was a House built for  
the purpose & a master nominated but the Expence of  
Building having exhausted the Funds I think within two or  
three years after my Arrival in the Province there was no  
money left to maintain the Boys or pay the Master, & as  
other Gentlemen from that time declined paying their annual  
Subscriptions Your Ldp's Agent likewise declined paying any  
more Money on that Account, of which I presumed he had  
long ago given M<sup>r</sup> Calvert Advice. Having by the inclosed  
acknowledged my Receipt of the Letter with which Your Ldp  
was pleased to favour me the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> last & of the Token  
that I had the Happiness therewith to receive of Your Ldps  
Regard & Friendship I shall only add that I am My Ld with  
the utmost Respect &c.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

26<sup>th</sup> May 1760 transmitted by Capt M<sup>c</sup>Gachin Duplicate  
by M<sup>r</sup> Lyle  
Sir

I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the  
18<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> last with a Postscript dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> & of  
Your Lett<sup>r</sup> dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of Ian<sup>y</sup> which I had the Satisfaction  
to receive a few Days ago together with a Letter from His  
Ldp & the valuable Testimony which he was at the same time  
pleased to send me of his Good Will & Approbation of my p. 96  
Conduct. The Workmanship of the Box is admired by all  
that have seen it, but the History of the Device on the Cover  
&c. is as yet a Secret to us, I should take it as a favour if you  
will be so kind as to explain it to me or desire the Maker to  
do so. I sealed your Letter for Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd & forwarded it to  
him agreeable to Your Desire, & as you seem at length to  
despair of his ever giving My Lord Reason to be satisfied with  
his Proceedings & Management & to be of opinion that a  
Resignation or Removal is extreemly probable I have also  
according to Your Directions communicated to His Ldp my  
Sentiments on a Plan to be pursued by any future Agent, the  
Substance of which is this; That the Agent or Receiver Gen-  
eral should be required to reside in Annapolis for unless he  
does so, it will in my Opinion be absolutely impossible for him  
to attend as he ought to the Management of His Ldps Affairs,