

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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Annapolis 12th Oct^r 1760 transmitted by Capt M^cDougal,
& Duplicate by M^r Browne

Sir

The London Ships which have loaded this Summer in Maryland being about to fall down the Bay to the Place of Rendezvous in Virginia whence the Owners & Masters expect they will be convoyed to Europe by some or other of the King's Ships that may be returning from the River S^t Lawrence, I embrace the Opportunity to acknowledge the Receipt of Your two Letters dated the 20th of June & 11th of July, the last of which was brought to me the 19th of Sept^r by an Express from Phila^a together with the Articles of Agreement (that have been entered into by His Lordship & the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania for Running Divisional Lines between their respective Territories) The Lord Proprietary's Commission appointing myself & six other Gentlemen Commissioners on His Ldp's Behalf for Carrying the said Articles of Agreement into Execution, & His Ldp's Instruction dated the 8th of July empowering me to draw on his Agent & Receiver General for such Sums as may be wanted to Defray the Expences which will be occasioned by Running the Divisional Lines agreed on. For an Account of what has been already done by me & some of the other Commissioners since the Receipt of His Ldp's Commission I beg Leave to refer you to the inclosed Narrative, thinking it will be better from time to time to acquaint you in that manner or by way of Journal with our Proceedings relative to the Execution of that Business than to communicate to you any Thing concerning it in Letters which may contain Advices about various matters of a different Nature. Mess^{rs} Otle & Cooke the Gentlemen whom You were pleased to introduce to me by Your Letter dated the 20th of June having called on me about a fortnight ago, & presented it, I failed not to receive them kindly & assured them of my Readiness to Countenance & serve them on all Occasions. Having been detained some time in Potowmack where their Vessel was obliged to Discharge Part of Her Cargo they would not be prevailed on to make any stay in Annapolis, but proceeded directly to Baltimore where I understand they intend to Settle. I return you Thanks for Communicating to me so speedily His Ldp's Favourable Answer to the Letter which I had the honour to address to him the 27th of March last & I flatter myself His Ldp will never have the least Cause to repent of his kind Compliance with my Request. Altho the Distemper with which Col^o Goldsborough had been some time afflicted carried him off about three Weeks ago I have not yet introduced M^r Ridout into the Council lest my Doing it so soon