

Letter Bk. IV Majesty's Enemies to Peace but also lay them under a necessity after a Peace shall be made of preserving it inviolate. With the utmost Respect I am My Ld &c.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 17th Oct^r 1760. transmitted via N York, Duplicate by Capt Craymer.

Sir

In my Letter of the 12th Inst & Duplicate which together with Lett^{rs} to His Ldp were transmitted by the Fleet, One Packett by M^r Browne a Partner of M^r Perkins's & another by Capt McDougal I informed you that Col^o Tasker was dangerously ill, insomuch that I despaired of his Recovery; what was then apprehended with regard to him having now come to pass for the Fever under which he had languished these three Weeks together with an inward Impostume carried him off last night & deprived this Community of a valuable Member I now take the Liberty to address you once more on behalf of M^r Ridout & to request it as a particular Favour that you will appoint him Your Deputy in the Stead of Col^o Tasker which I should not so earnestly desire was I not convinced that he will approve himself worthy of the Favour & that neither His Ldp
 p. 142 nor you will ever have the least Reason to be dissatisfied with his Conduct or my Recommendation. In case you shall be pleased to appoint him & obtain His Ldps Approbation of such Appointment he will on the Receipt of your Commission give such Security as hath been usually required for due Performance of the Office & for Paying punctually such Sum annually or such Share of the Fees as you may be pleased to demand on Consideration of his Acting by Virtue of your Deputation; whether it shall be One half of the Profitts or a lesser Proportion it being as I conceive entirely with you to settle this Matter with your Deputy as you shall think fit. As it is expedient that some Person or other should be immediately Nominated that Business might be regularly carried on & the Lists of Fees signed in Decem^r by the Secretary agreeable to the Directions of our Act of Assembly & as I flatter myself that you will approve of my Choice I shall forthwith order a Commission to be made out for M^r Ridout; & as it will be necessary also to appoint a Commissioner in the Stead of Col^o Tasker for Carrying the Articles of Agreement into Execution & M^r Ridout is at least as capable of Serving His Ldp & giving us Assistance in that Business as any Member of His Ldp's Council, I shall take the Liberty to Nominate him before we proceed to run the Lines & hope that such my Appointment will meet with His Ldp's Approbation. M^r Bordley having drop't in on me as I was writing & advised me of his Intention