

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 4th March 1761. transmitted by Capt Wardrop & recommended to the Care of M^r Christie in Glasgow
Sir

Herewith I transmit to you under the great Seal printed Copies of eight Bills which were passed into Laws in the usual form during our last Session of Assembly; As I communicated to you my Sentiments concerning the most material or important of them when I wrote to you the 12th of Oct^r last I shall not trouble you with any more Remarks on that Bill, I mean “the Act for easing the Inhabitants of this province from the great & unequal Burthen of the Additional Land Tax & all the others are only reviving & continuing Bills except one for augmenting the Salaries of some Inspectors, & That entituled “An
p. 165 Act for increasing the Allowance of Grand & petit Jurors who shall attend the provincial Court, to remit Costs with respect to Witnesses & granting them an Allowance for itinerant Charges,” which I think is a very good Law, it being reasonable that Jurors should receive for their Attendance enough to defray their Expences & therefore I hope it will meet with His Ldp’s Approbation. Old Parson Murdock Rector of Prince Georges parish (which contains all that part of Frederick County that is below Seneca Creek & a small part of Prince Georges County) being at length dead, I have advised His Ldp of that Event expecting from what you sometime ago wrote to me that he will be pleased to bestow it on D^r Sharpe in case that Gentleman should be still inclined to come to America. I suppose the Amount of the 30 p^r poll in that parish last year when Tobacco sold at a pretty good price was worth £300 Stg. & it will I apprehend be every Year worth at least £300 Currency, it being (as you will perceive by an Extract of a Letter which I received a few Days ago from the Sheriff of Frederick County) very likely to increase & for that reason as it is an extensive Parish, I suppose the parishioners will whenever the Assembly meets again present a Petition & desire it may be divided, but to that I shall pay no Regard, untill I shall be acquainted with His Ldp’s pleasure; in the mean time I have by Letters of Lycence authorized M^r Williamson the Rector of this Parish to officiate as a Curate in that which is become vacant by the Decease of M^r Murdock & in Case D^r Sharpe should have drop’t all thoughts of leaving England for Ecclesiastical preferment in Maryland I should be glad to have His Ldp’s Leave to induct M^r Williamson into prince Georges, or into a large part of it in case it shall be divided or if that cannot be by reason of D^r Sharpe’s Acceptance, or for any other Reason then I shall hope His Ldp will permit me to present M^r Williamson to any other that might become vacant. M^r Keene the Gentⁿ by whom You wrote to