

will lay before Council the Case in its present form but that I Letter Bk. III
 submit to you, what I am most anxious to know is whether
 I shall be justified in refusing to order the Officer's Bonds to
 be put in Suit or whether I must comply with the Assembly's
 Request. As M^r Calvert has writ to me frequently about the
 Affair & has received several Letters from me on the Subject
 he will be able to inform you of any particulars that you may
 want to know, wherefore I shall only observe to you farther
 than that all the Persons who contract for the Transportation
 of Felons from Great Britain except M^r Steuart of London
 have paid the Duty on such as they imported into this Pro-
 vince without murmuring & tho it might be justly said that he
 is much more affected by the Act than the others because he
 transports a much greater Number yet I cannot help thinking
 that he ought to have readily submitted to the payment of so
 small a Sum when his profitts from trading hither are so
 exorbitant. I am &c.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

29th of May. 1757.

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My Ld.

In a Letter dated at Phila^a the 23^d of March I told your
 Lordship that I expected to meet the Assembly at Annapolis
 immediately on my Return thither, but as the Small Pox con-
 tinued to rage in this place & as the Gentlemen were too
 much afraid of that Distemper to venture where they were
 liable to Infection, with the Advice of Your Ldp's Council I p. 266
 prorogued them for a few Days & then convened them to
 Baltimore town which was the only Place in the Province
 where they could be well accommodated or entertained. In-
 closed your Ldp will receive Copies of my Speech at the
 Opening of the Session & of the Addresses that were pre-
 sented in Answer thereto. I have also sent M^r Calvert the
 Titles of all the Acts that were passed, the Acts themselves
 being not yet printed. Your Ldp may be pleased to remem-
 ber that by the Plan of which I transmitted a Copy from Phila^a
 500 Men were required & setled as the Quota of Maryland
 for the Service of the ensuing Campaign; to this number the
 Assembly has with some Reluctance impowered me to aug-
 ment the Troops in the pay of this Province & I have accord-
 ingly given Orders for raising two Additional Companies, but
 I am afraid I shall not see them compleated this Summer tho
 by way of Incitement to the Gentlemen who are Recruiting I
 have promised the highest Commissions to those that engage
 most Men by a certain limited time. All that remained un-
 expended of the £40,000 that was granted last Year is now