

of their Resolution that you may not expect any Troops this Campaign from this Province. Hoping you will do me the Justice to believe that nothing has been wanting on my part, I am &c. Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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Annapolis 5th of May 1761.

My Ld

I am sorry to inform Your Ldp that upon examining & comparing the Accounts of M^r Henry Darnall & the Accounts of the Trustees in London appointed in Consequence of our paper Currency Act it has been discovered that instead of remitting annually to the said Trustees Bills of Excha for the Amount of the 15^d p^r Hhd collected by him as Naval Officer of Potuxent District, he hath for several years past converted the Money to his own private Use by which means it is apprehended that the Country will lose between eight & nine hundred pounds Stg. besides perhaps three or four hundred pounds Currency which it is supposed he hath collected since Sept^r last for the Duty payable on Negroes imported into this Province & other small Duties: And altho he hath since he ballanced his last Years Account with Your Ldp's Agent paid him Bills of Exchange for more than £300 there is still due from him on Account of the 14^d p^r Ton & 1/ p^r Hhd near £200 besides forty odd pounds due to me on Account of the Duty of 3^d p^r Ton (an uncommon Number of Vessels many of them loaded with Tob^o having cleared out from Potuxent since the 29th of Sept^r when he closed his last years Acc^{ts}) That your Ldp may see how this Discovery was made & what has passed between me & both Houses of Assembly thereupon I have transmitted to M^r Calvert Copies of every thing to be laid before Your Ldp hoping that the measures I have pursued will meet with your Ldp's Approbation. As to M^r Darnall I understand that having received very early Advice of such a Discovery's being made he quitted his House & plantation which it seems had been mortgaged some years ago together with all his Negroes, & retired to the House of a Son in Law of his in S^t Mary's County whence I suppose he will not stir unless he leaves the Country as he may be assured that if he should be taken by the Sheriff no Person whatever will become his Surety & that if he should be carried to Prison he must expect to remain there as long as he lives. Your Ldp will perceive by the Papers which I transmit to M^r Calvert that immediately after the Gentⁿ of the Upper House had by an Address desired me to take proper Steps that if possible the money due to the Country might be recovered M^r Darnall's p. 188