

whole Amount of the said Duty with Interest thereon from the time when it ought to have been remitted to the Trustees, & on this Consideration as Your Ldp will observe the Lower House did not in their Address complain of him particularly, tho I doubt not but they will in their several Counties speak almost as freely of his Behaviour as of M^r Darnalls & indeed as M^r Young is so indolent a Person & moreover lives at so great a distance from Pocomoke that it is not possible for him to superintend his Office as I lately intimated to Your Ldp I could wish Col^o Henry was appointed Naval Officer of that District in his Stead. As I have reason to believe from what M^r Tasker & M^r Lee tell me that the Ballance which by the Committees Report appears to be still due from the Estate of M^r Lee's Father the late Naval Officer of Potowmack was paid by his Executors (about which Matter the Trustees can probably satisfy us) & M^r Chamberlaine promises to look into his Books as soon as he goes home & satisfy me that nothing is due from him which I am indeed already assured of, I shall not trouble Your Ldp with any more Remarks on the Report than that it seems to be the Sense of both Houses that the Trustees in London ought not for the future to keep such large Sums of the Country's money by them in expectation of Bank Stock's falling but that they ought to vest such Money in Stock as soon as possible after they receive it from the Naval Officers, p. 191 since there is little probability of the Stocks falling so much in a year or two as the Interest would in such time amount to, which opinion of the two Houses I hope your Ldp will be pleased to have communicated to the Trustees. And in order to prevent any Loss for the future to Your Ldp or Your Lieut^r Governor from Naval Officers failing I should think it would not be amiss to require from each of them a Bond (seperate & distinct from their Office Bond) with sufficient Sureties conditioned that they shall regularly & faithfully account & pay all such Sums as they may collect for the use of both your Lordship & your Lieutenant Governor from the Masters of Vessels trading in their respective Districts & I should also think it would be proper for the future to increase the Penalty of their Office Bond to £1500 or £2000 Stg but this matter I submit to Your Ldps Consideration & am with the utmost Respect &c.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 5th of May 1761. transmitted by the Randolph Capt Walker. Duplicate Via N Y p^r M^r Scott.

Sir

It is with great Concern I now write to advise You of a Report which hath been made by a Committee of both Houses,