

he has received, & in short his Behaviour in this & other Mat- Letter Bk. IV  
ters has been so shameful & scandalous that I am confident  
his being appointed to another Office would bring Reproach  
on the Administration & was he not so nearly related to M<sup>r</sup>  
Dulany, the latter must have rather thought him a fit Object  
of Contempt & of the Government's Resentment than of Con-  
ferring on him another lucrative Office. As I doubt not but  
M<sup>r</sup> Dulany conceives himself vested with a Right to bestow  
the Clerkships when they become vacant on whom he pleases, p. 208  
I thought it my Duty to write to you so freely on this Subject  
lest you may otherwise be imposed on, as to my own part I  
have no particular person to recommend, but it would grieve  
me to see such Offices bestowed on Persons who have not by  
any one Act merited the least favour from either the Lord  
Proprietary or Myself, nor can I think M<sup>r</sup> Dulany has per-  
formed such Services as gives him a Right to expect & insist  
that all his Relations however unworthy shall be provided for  
preferable to every Body else. In my Letter dated the 4<sup>th</sup> of  
March I remitted you a Bill of Exchange for £118. 2.6 which  
was £6. 17. 6 short of the Sum for which could I have got one  
I should have then sent you a Bill, I therefore now inclose you  
a Bill on M<sup>r</sup> Russel for £76. 17. 6 & my own Draft on M<sup>r</sup>  
Grove for £55. 16. 6 being for the abovementioned Deficiency  
& the half year ending the Tenth of this month.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Annapolis the 3<sup>d</sup> of August 1761.

My Lord

As I entertain hopes that the Letters which I did myself the  
honour to address to your Ldp the 20<sup>th</sup> of April & 23<sup>d</sup> of June  
last & of which I transmitted Duplicates will be received before  
this can come to your Ldp's hands I have nothing to trouble  
Your Ldp with at present except a Request of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>  
Swifts who is at present Rector of Portobacco a very good  
Parish in Charles County who being indisposed & of opinion  
that he should enjoy a better State of Health in Ireland his  
Native Country petitions for Leave to resign in favour of one  
M<sup>r</sup> Browne Rector of a less valuable Parish in S<sup>t</sup> Mary's  
County but this was a Request to which I did not think myself  
at Liberty to return an answer till I should receive your Ldp's  
Instructions. As to M<sup>r</sup> Swift I hear nothing worse of him  
than that he is a very poor heavy Preacher, & I believe the  
Parishioners would in that respect be by no means better off  
was M<sup>r</sup> Browne to become their Rector for him I have heard  
or rather seen in the Pulpit but if M<sup>r</sup> Swift would offer to  
resign in favour of many other Clergymen in the Province I p. 209