

that, you should transmit to me without delay, a List of all Instruments made use of in publick Transactions, Law Proceedings, Grants, Conveyances, Securities of Land or Money, within your Government with proper and sufficient Descriptions of the same, in order that if Parliament should think proper to pursue the Intention of the aforesaid Resolution, they may thereby be enabled to carry it into Execution, in the most effectual and least burthensome manner

If you should be unable of Yourself to prepare a List of this kind, with sufficient Accuracy, You will in such Case require the Assistance of the Principal Officer of the Law within your Government who is the proper Person to be consulted, towards procuring the said Information in the manner required.

I am with great Truth and Regard

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Dunk Halifax

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Letter Bk.IV

Copy of the 122<sup>d</sup> Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert Dated Annapolis  
[August 21] transmitted by & Duplicate by  
Sir

Since I wrote to you the 2<sup>d</sup> of last Month I have received the several Letters you were pleased to send me the 27<sup>th</sup> of April & the 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of May last. As I was at Newcastle at a Meeting of the Commissioners when the Letter which D<sup>r</sup> Bevis had wrote to you the 28<sup>th</sup> of April last came to my hands I communicated the Contents of it to those of our Commissioners that were then present who cannot help lamenting with me that altho that able Gentleman has recommended to us an Instrument for running the Divisional Lines which he is confident & we are persuaded by his Description of it is infinitely preferable to the means we have hitherto been obliged to use, the Instrument is still in England & by what you write likely to remain there owing as it should seem by D<sup>r</sup> Bevis's Letter to an erroneous Opinion entertained by D<sup>r</sup> Blair & by him instilled into M<sup>r</sup> Penn which as far as I can judge has occasioned an Expence to the Proprietors of two or three Thousand Pounds & for ought I know may before all the Lines are run increase the Expence five times as much ; I cannot indeed for my own part see how it will be possible to run the Northern Boundary without the Transit Instrument & then surely it would have been much better to have sent it to us at first so that it might have been used in running the Tangent. Since Doctor Bevis again recommends to us to