

tious anonymous writers here & of whom the proceedings of the Legislature informes. Brag is said is a good Dog, But hold fast is a Better. the Legislature has sprung the chief Libeller, proceed<sup>es</sup> stop only on Acc<sup>t</sup> of his having rec<sup>d</sup> a wound in a Duel from an Hon<sup>ble</sup> member of the H-C-ns who he in the North Briton abused. he has abused the Best of Souveraings & is charged by the House of L-ds of having publish'd a Blasphemous Pamphlet tending to the Dishonour of God & of Jessus Christ. May all happiness attend you is the sincere wish of

Y<sup>r</sup> real friend

& ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Cecil<sup>s</sup> Calvert

Pos<sup>t</sup> I beg you'l inform M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd his Bills for his Lord<sup>p</sup> Amt<sup>s</sup> to £2289 3 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> are rec<sup>d</sup> but cash £6000 not arrived. I've Insured from his intelligence. short in point of time.

To His Excell<sup>y</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe  
Maryland.

[Secretary Ridout to Calvert.]

Letter Bk IV.

Copy of a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Ridout to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert. Philadelphia

Dec<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1763

Sir

As the long Continuance of a Cold which the Governor contracted when the Commissioners met at George Town last October made him averse to venturing so far from home as to attend the Meeting which the Arrival of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mason & Dixon made it necessary for the Commissioners to have at this season in Philadelphia, I think it my Duty in His Excellency's Absence to transmit you by a Ship which is just about to sail hence for London a Copy of the Commissioners proceedings during their two last Meetings & also a brief State of what has been already done in order to ascertain or describe the Tangent Line so that you may be the better enabled to judge whether it is expedient or not to have another Line run for a Tangent with the Transit Instrument agreeable to the Hints you were pleased to recommend to the Commissioners Consideration, but if you & the Proprietors of Pennsylvania shall agree to have that Expence avoided, it is hoped you will be pleased to signify as much to the Commissioners as soon as possible for unless a Letter to that purport is received by us before the 15<sup>th</sup> of June Mess<sup>s</sup> Mason & Dixon are as you will observe by their Instructions to go down at all Events to the Middle Point in order to run up a new Line the Pennsylvania