

Letter Bk. IV Commissioners having insisted on That being a part of the Instructions, & as the running such Line was recommended by the Hints we could not avoid complying with their Requisition. Lest His Excellency should not have had an Opportunity of writing to London by a Ship from Maryland since we left Annapolis I embrace this Opportunity to inform you that after passing about thirty five Bills into Laws among which was an Inspection Law clear of the exceptionable parts which had been heretofore inserted, he on the 26th of last Month prorogued the Assembly & that the Inhabitants still remain undisturbed on the Frontiers of Maryland. As we are just about to leave Phila^a & expect to reach Annapolis about the End of the week I am in hopes His Excellency will have an early Opportunity of transmitting you a compleat Copy of the Surveyors Minutes & a Duplicate of the Minutes & State I now do myself the honour to inclose & also of answering that Letter of yours which Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon have now desired me to deliver to him.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Copy of the Governors 125th Letter to M^r Calvert Dated Annapolis 28th Dec^r 1763 transmitted by Capt Christie.
Sir

Having now a good Opportunity of transmitting Letters to London by a Ship that is about to sail from this place I embrace it to give you some Account of the Assembly's proceedings during their last Session, of what has been since agreed on by the Commissioners at their Meeting in Philadelphia, & also to acknowledge my Receipt of your several Letters dated the 20th of June, 20th of July, 17th of Augst & 3^d of Sept^r last together with the Parchments & Papers you were therewith pleased to transmit me. With the Letter I wrote to you the 10th of last Month I sent you Copies of my Speech to both Houses of Assembly at the opening of the Session & the Addresses they respectively presented to me thereupon at the same time I informed you that in pursuance of an Agreement which the two Houses after some Contest had come into at a Conference An Inspection Law that would not be exceptionable on Account of any money Clause was then framing & that I had some hopes of their preparing a Bill for the payment of the Militia who had from time to time during the Continuance of the War marched to the Frontiers in Obedience to my Orders. As I was satisfied there would have been a good deal of Confusion in the province if the Inspection Law had dropt, It gave me great pleasure to find that a Message I sent the two Houses with respect to it while the Bill was