

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Copy of 134th Letter to M^r Calvert Dated Annapolis 15th
Dec^r 1764. transmitted by Captain Cockey.

Sir

My last Letter was dated the 13th of Nov^r & transmitted by Capt Curling in a Ship of Mess^{rs} Hanburys. I have not been since favoured with any from you but now write to advise you of some things that have happened here since that time. In the first place as it is now three years since the last general Election Writs have been lately issued for another Election of Representatives throughout the Province & in Consequence thereof there have been already Elections in most of the Counties, from some of which will be returned One or two new Members but in general the new Lower House of Assembly will consist of the same Persons that composed the former. As there is no Business that requires the Assembly's meeting before the Summer I have by Advice of the Council this Day issued Proclamations proroguing them to the second Monday in May next when I suppose it will be expedient to have a Session. M^r Bordley the late Commissary General having after a long Indisposition died about a Week ago I thought it my Duty in pursuance of His Ldp's Pleasure signified by one of his Instructions dated the 8th of Oct. 1761 to make an Offer of the Office to M^r Charles Goldsborough on Condition he would come & reside in Annapolis to superintend it & upon his expressing his Willingness to accept on those Terms a Commission was made out for him & he has since come over & qualified. As I have in this acted on a Principle of doing what seemed to be most agreeable to His Ldp's pleasure & presume no one will object to M^r Goldsborough's Capacity for the Execution of that Office I flatter myself His Ldp will confirm the Appointment. Upon my intimating to M^r Goldsborough that he must as his Predecessors had done make you a Remittance of One hundred pounds a year during his Continuance in the Office he promised to send his Correspondent in London an Order to make punctual Payment to your Order & I presume he will himself write & tell you so by some early Opportunity. By my Letter to His Lordship I have taken the Liberty to recommend Col^o Henry Hooper the late Speaker of the Lower House of Assembly to the Seat in the Council which is become Vacant by M^r Bordley's Death: All I shall say of this Gentleman is that he has during many years acted an upright moderate Part in the Lower House of Assembly & has the Reputation of being the best Justice of Peace in the Province & tho his Age made him decline coming again to undergo the fatigue of sitting constantly as Speaker in the