

Letter Bk. IV hend be also necessary to insert the Substance of His Ldp's particular Order in the Preamble of the Patents I am &c.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

To Lord Baltimore  
My Lord

the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1765.

I embrace the first Opportunity that has offered since I had the Satisfaction to receive the Letters your Ldp was pleased to favour me with the seventh & 9<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> last to congratulate Your Ldp on your happy Return to your native Country in good health & to assure your Ldp that the Intelligence gave me the most sensible pleasure; with the Letters I likewise received your Ldp's several Instructions dated the 16 of Jan<sup>y</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> one of them signifying your Ldp's Approbation of several Acts of Assembly passed here during your Absence from England, Another of them containing your Ldps Sentiments on the Proceedings of the two Houses of Assembly with regard to a Bill for quieting Possessions & Enrolling Conveyances. A Third containing your Ldp's Appointment of M<sup>r</sup> Holliday to be a Member of the Council, another directing me to appoint M<sup>r</sup> Walter Dulany Naval Officer of Potuxent which is already done, the fifth & sixth containing Orders for the Sale of sundry Mannours & Reserve Lands, & for Leasing such Parts of Talbot's Mannour as lies northward of the Temporary Line but will on the true Lines being run fall into this Province; Upon which two last Instructions I have wrote very fully to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert desiring him to lay the same before your Lordship, nevertheless I shall take the liberty to communicate to your Ldp the Substance of what I have written to him with regard to those Instructions. When in Obedience to your Ldp's order the several Gentlemen to whom the Instruction about the mannours was address't had met at my House & considered the Contents of it Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd was desired to inform us how the Mannour & Reserved Lands therein referred to were circumstanced he said that he apprehended some parts of the Mannours had since they were originally laid out been sold & and that a great part of what remained had also been long ago leased for three Lives or very long Terms on small Rents, & he produced Lists of sundry Tenants who at present hold parts of such Mannours, but as he could not give us such full & satisfactory Information as was necessary to enable us to form a Judgment of the Value of the Land not Tenanted, & of the Value of the Land & Improvements on what was leased, nor whether the selling some Parts would not greatly reduce the Value of the Rest The Gentlemen were all of opinion that no Step ought to be