

Letter thinking it will save Your Ldp a considerable Sum in Insurance if not in Freight to send it by Col^o Lloyds which Your Ldp may depend I will not fail to do. Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Copy of 108th Letter to M^r Calvert Dated the 15th of Feb^y 1762.
transmitted by Capt Gowland.

Sir

Having received His Ldp's several Instructions dated the 8th of Oct^r last, also the Letter you were pleased to address to me the same Day with a Postscript added the 19th of that month & another short Letter dated the 26th of Oct^r I embrace the earliest opportunity to answer such parts thereof as were not written by way of Reply to my former Letters. I dispatched your Packet to Col^o Lloyd & your Letter to M^r Bacon hath been delivered but as it appeared when I had closed your Letter to M^r Bordley as if the Seal had been broken & the Lett^r opened I declined delivering it lest such Appearance should have induced him to entertain Suspicions of its having been opened out of Curiosity; however upon finding that His Ldp was absolutely averse to M^r Ridout's acting any longer as Com^y Gen^l I have again solicited & at length persuaded M^r Bordley to accept that Office which tho more lucrative is not for the Reasons that he heretofore gave me & which I then communicated to you so agreeable to him as the Office he now resigns to M^r Ridout who I believe is by no means displeased with the Exchange for altho by having since his Appointment strenuously applied himself to the Study of that Branch of the Law which relates to Testamentary Affairs, the Duty of Executors & Administrators he had acquired a sufficient Share of Knowledge & Experience to discharge with Credit to himself the Duties of his Office, he is sensible there are some among us who would rejoice at his Committing an Error & therefore as I have already intimated resigns without the least Reluctance an Office that exposed him more than any other he can hold to the Malevolence of such as may have look't on him with an evil Eye. As I did myself apprehend that M^r Bordley was the most proper Person to fill the Commissary's Office I was not a little displeased as you must have seen by my Letter dated the 19th of April last at his Refusing to succeed M^r Dulany & was inclined to attribute his Refusal to a different Motive from what he himself assigned however the Readiness he shewed to assist M^r Ridout lessened my Chagrine & as he hath now by accepting the Commissary's Office made every thing easy I will endeavour to forget all that hath past & hope I shall never again have such reason as