

Letter Bk. IV the Countenance & support in my power. After some Conversation however with his Uncle who as well as M<sup>r</sup> Hoods other Relations was I perceived afraid to receive him into their Houses I found that he thought it more advisable for him to retire a While from the Province & go to New York in Case I would give him an Introductory Letter to the General which therefore I took the liberty to do & as it is known that he hath left the Province the Riotous Meetings which his Presence occasioned have since ceased, & excepting an Affair which M<sup>r</sup> Calvert will communicate to Your Ldp nothing else has occurred here worthy Your Ldps notice. As I presume that Gov<sup>r</sup> Bernard wrote & advised the Ministry thereof as soon as he had reason to suspect the People in New England would endeavour to oppose the Stamp Law's having its intended Effect I am in hopes that in Expectation of all the Colonies being disposed to act in the same manner the Ministry will provide in time for the Suppression of Insurrections in them before the time comes for the Acts being carried into Execution & particularly for the Preservation of the Stamp't Paper which will I am afraid be otherwise destroyed in the Provinces where there is no Military Force to guard it or place of Security for it to be lodged in, of both which your Ldp knows this place is destitute. I shall therefore when the Vessel with the Stamp't Paper (which I suppose will be either a Man of War or Tender) arrives here caution the Master of her against landing it, & advise him either to ride at Anchor off in the Bay or return to Norfolk untill he can receive farther Instructions from England unless I am convinced that the Paper will be secure on Shore which as I have already hinted I am really afraid will not be the Case, & I thought it my Duty to say as much to General Gage when I was writing to him by M<sup>r</sup> Hood. Hoping that your Ldp will rest assured that I shall on this as I have on all former Occasions endeavour to preserve Peace & Good order in the Government where I have the honour to preside & discharge my Duty to both His Majesty & your Ldp I remain &c.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Copy of 140<sup>th</sup> Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert Dated Annapolis the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1765 transmitted by the Albion.

Sir

Being informed that one Capt Christie is about to sail from Potuxent for London I embrace the Opportunity to acquaint you with what has passed here since I wrote to His Ldp & you the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of last Month in which I intimated to you that M<sup>r</sup> Hood was just arrived here & had paid me a Visit in