

nies set the Example ours will also soon force the Officers of the several Courts to issue Writs &c on Common Paper & I assure your Ldp that when the People are so unanimous in opposing the Execution of a Law as they are on this Occasion nothing but a Military Force can procure Obedience to it. I am &c.

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[Hamersley to Sharpe.]

Original.

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I am hon<sup>d</sup> with Lord Baltimore's Commands, to acquaint you with his Lordships great surprize and uneasiness at the Silence and neglect of Coll Loyd his Principal Land Agent, who has not favoured his Lordship with a remittance, or even Letter, these 14 months past. Had any Calamity Publick or Private occasioned this Disappointment, his Lordship Presumes you wo<sup>d</sup> have been the first to have Informed him of it. The arrival of Ships from the Province has been as usual, and the Correspondence between you and his Lordship, and other Gent<sup>n</sup> in Maryland, has proceeded in its regular and uninterrupted course. To what cause or accident then to impute this conduct his Lordship is at a Loss to guess, but is too sensible of the great Inconveniencys and distress it lays him under in the arrangement of his own private affairs. His Lordship therefore requests you will take the earliest opportunity of seeing and expostulating with M<sup>r</sup> Loyd, and if the proper remittance are not already made, that you will Accelerate them to the utmost, and Instruct his Lordship in the reasons of the delay. He likewise desires you will procure from M<sup>r</sup> Loyd a State of his Account to be brought as forward as possible, that he may know the reall situation of his affairs, and hopes you and M<sup>r</sup> Loyd will be able to adjust some Plan to render his future remittances less Dilatory and precarious, for his Lordship thinks it hard to Starve with so Noble a Patrimony, and, If the Revenue does not keep pace with the expences it brings with it, it is little better. M<sup>r</sup> Loyd will scarce be surprized at his L<sup>d</sup>Ships uneasiness, and will, I am persuaded, be happy in giving him every possible satisfaction. I need not add that his Lordship will expect an Account of your Proceedings by the first opportunity, that he may regulate his measures accordingly.

The affairs of America are now at their Crisis. Both Houses of Parliament have been employed this week in reading the Papers Laid before them by the Crown, which has been done in the most secret manner by Excluding every other Individual from their Walls, for, as the Private Correspondence of the Governors and other Servants of the Crown in the different Colonys makes a considerable part of the