

[Baltimore to Sharpe.]

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Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley has my directions to inform you of what has passed here in both houses, relative to the Stamp Act & also in regard to all other affaires.

I hope this will be delivered safe to y<sup>r</sup> hands by M<sup>r</sup> Jordan, whom I have some time since appointed in Comission & Instruction together with yourself & M<sup>r</sup> Dulany to sell my reserved Lands & settle my accounts.

I have had various informations & applycations from men of great Ability & fortune for the Establishment of my revenues, in w<sup>h</sup> it is as plain as noon day that I am intirely in the dark & much injured. I have thought proper therefore to send a Gentleman to the Province, as the tenderest method of attaining that relief, I am determind to have.

Just now, I receive y<sup>rs</sup> wherein you acquaint me, that M<sup>r</sup> Loyd has sayd that he would not submitt his Accts. to be examined as they ought whereon I shall not trouble myself to think; the Commission & Instructions I have already sighnd clearly directing you with regard to that Gentleman. If M<sup>r</sup> Calvert was alive, what subterfuge could he take, after bragging to me, these five years past that yourself & M<sup>r</sup> Loyd had approved his plan & instructions for a Board to sett at Annapoles on my revenues, now to have to tell me, that M<sup>r</sup> Loyd has desired you to say on that Subject.

I have embarked by this occasion a whole length picture of myself, putt it up with those other portraits of my Ancestors, you have in the province & inform me of whom they are

I have also sent some Arms well painted, w<sup>h</sup> you will place in<sup>r</sup> the Council Chamber or where else you think fitt

I Desire y<sup>r</sup> Acceptance of a small box of plate & if there is any thing else on this side the water at any time you should want, shall be glad to send it you. I recommend M<sup>r</sup> Jordan to y<sup>r</sup> care & protection, & desire you most seriously to exert y<sup>r</sup> influence in the expeditious execution of my Comissions & instructions in the sale of my Mannors, causing M<sup>r</sup> Loyd to pay the ballance Sales in his hands so long & settling my revenues according to my clear directions so that I may continue to think myself happy in y<sup>r</sup> Government.

I am Sir,

With the highest Esteem  
Your most Sincere freind  
& obed. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
F. Baltimore.