

(enumerated Goods excepted) to the best Market they can find is the most likely way to prevent the Inhabitants of North America from going into Manufactories. The Amendment you say was made in the proposed Indemnity Bill will not I dare say affect many People in this Province, & as good Order is at last happily restored among us, I hope nothing will hereafter happen to interrupt it. I am &c.

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

To Lord Baltimore.

Annapolis 19th July 1766

My Ld

In the Letter I did myself the honour to address to your Ldp the 14th Inst I intimated to you that I expected M^r Dulany & I (M^r Jordan being gone to Virginia) should by the same Conveyance join in a Letter to your Ldp but as I now find that M^r Dulany who went about a Fortnight ago to Baltimore County cannot return hither before the Ship sails I think it my Duty tho alone to represent to your Ldp what we should I suppose have jointly communicated to your Ldp were M^r Jordan & M^r Dulany also present. I am then in the first place to inform Your Ldp that since we advertised the Sale of Ann Arundel Mannour Your Ldp's Commission to Myself M^r Dulany & M^r Jordan has been very much the Subject of Conversation & with this M^r Calverts Claim or Pretensions to that Mannour have been frequently brought on the Carpet which has been stated to arise from the Will of Your Ldps Father & said to be invalid because the Mannours were entailed by some Settlements; upon this State the question has been asked if the late Lord could not devise because only Tenant in Tail by what Limitation or means has the present Lord Baltimore an Estate in Fee-simple or how does His Power to sell arise? Now as we are not possessed My Ld of Copies of the Settlements supposed to have been made by Your Lordship's Ancestors I need not I presume observe to Your Ldp that if when we proceed to sell the Mannours Persons inclined to purchase should press us to give them satisfaction on these Points we must wave it, which would naturally make People afraid to bid, at least designing Men in order to lessen the Price of the Land offered to Sale would probably insinuate to others that Your Ldp's Right to sell the Fee-simple was doubtful. In order to obviate such & any other Objections which may be started the Commissioners hope Your Ldp will Order Copies of any Family Settlements which have been at any time made to be transmitted to them as soon as possible. If Your Ldp should also think fit to authorize us by a further Instruction to insert a Clause of