

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Letter Bk. IV

To Lord Baltimore.

Annapolis 21<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1766.

My Ld.

The Steward of the Mannour in Baltimore County called My Ladys Mannour alias the Lords Gift containing about 10000 Acres having this Day informed me that Writs of Ejectment have been brought against Three of the Tenants by M<sup>r</sup> Hall a Lawyer here who acts on behalf of the Heirs of M<sup>r</sup> Brerewood I dispatch this to Potowmack whence a Ship is about to sail for London to advise your Ldp thereof & to desire your Ldp will by the first Opportunity after your Receipt of this Letter be pleased to send me a Copy of the Bill that M<sup>r</sup> Calvert told me had been filed in Chancery against your Ldp by M<sup>r</sup> Brerewood & of your Ldp's answer thereto in order that I may communicate the same to your Ldp's Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> here if the perusal thereof will enable him the better to defend your Ldps Title to said Mannour which as your Ldp will see by the inclosed Copy of a Letter I wrote four years ago to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert was after M<sup>r</sup> Brerewoods Death leased out to sundry Tenants by the Agent of your Ldp's Father. If the Claimants can produce no Patent I do not know how they will support their Pretensions, for no Patent is recorded here if they can produce One the Point in question will I apprehend then be whether the L<sup>d</sup> Proprietary may during his Life like the King grant Lands within this Province in fee to his Wife contrary to the Law which holds in the Case of All other Subjects. If your Ldp should upon considering this Matter think it necessary to send the Attorney General any particular Instructions for his Guidance in managing this Cause the sooner you do so the better that he may know as early as possible what kind of Defence your Ldp will choose to have made. As your Ldp will by a Vessel ready to sail hence receive a Letter from me about other Matters & also a Duplicate of this, & the Person by whom I send this to Potowmack is impatient to depart I shall only add that I remain with the utmost Respect.

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My Lord

Having within these few Days received a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley inclosing your Ldp's Instructions dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of August last by which your Ldp is pleased to revoke your Instruction of the 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1765 by which I was restrained from assenting to any Ordinary Lycence Bill but on certain