

another Gentleman we have in View that we have reasons to hope would answer our expectation in the meantime we shall wait with patience until we receive your answer, and do rest assured of your favourable answer to this our requisition and as our future hapeniss so greatly depends on your appointment we shall think ourselves under the Strongest Engagements Bound to pray for your present & future hapeness and to contribute every thing in our power for the attainment thereof and are with great deference your Excellency's most

Obed^t and very Humble

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Letter Bk.IV

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

To Lord Baltimore.

Annapolis 7th Decem^r 1766.

My Ld

Having lately received the Letter Your Ldp did me the honour to write to Me the 2^d of August last I embrace the earliest Opportunity to express my Acknowledgments for the same & to inform Your Ldp that I had before this came to hand communicated to the Gentlemen of the Council the Instructions Your Ldp was pleased to give the 6th of that Month on the Subject of Ordinary Lycences at which they expressed great satisfaction. As it is now five Months since I wrote to my Brother Philip desiring him to pay to Your Ldps Order the Sum of £100, which in pursuance of Your Ldps Direction I had before desired him to pay Annually, to Captain Eden I have no doubt but he has ee'r this time complied with my Request & will hereafter be punctual in paying the same to Your Ldps Order. I observe what Your Ldp is pleased to write with regard to a good Living being preserved for the Benefit of Your Ldps Friend M^r Allen of Oxford & shall not fail to give Your Ldp the earliest Notice thereof when any of considerable Value shall become vacant but as the bestowing a Living here on a Clergyman resident in England leaving it to him to send hither a Curate to officiate in his stead is a new Measure & might perhaps if known here be deemed contrary to the Spirit of the Acts of Assembly that provide for the Clergymens Maintenance Your Ldp will I hope excuse me for intimating how necessary it will be that the Curate so to be appointed be a Person of approved honour, otherwise he might refuse to pay his Rector accord-