

[Hamersley to Sharpe.]

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Your Excellencys several Letters of 3<sup>d</sup> March to L<sup>d</sup> Baltimore and myself & Subsequent favors of the 11<sup>th</sup> of the same Month are now lying before me.

All difficultys with M<sup>r</sup> Calvert are, I hope, by this time removed & perhaps it may not be without its use hereafter that they have been started

Your Excellency is pleased to refer me to your former Correspondence with M<sup>r</sup> Calvert as to the Proceedings about Talbot Manor, But his Papers were left in so much Confusion, and so few of them have ever come to my hands, that you must Impute the, perhaps Impertinent, trouble given you in this and other business to the want of means for my obtaining better Information. Far was it from my Intentions to Insinuate the least Inattention to this concern, But, receiving applications about it from every quarter, and finding some Steps had been taken, I was unwilling to be the only Person in the dark, or to leave your Excellency unapprized of the motions of the Enemy. In fact, All Partys have applyed to his Lordship, and seem well Inclined to Adjust matters upon reasonable terms, and by a lucky accident some of them have been Introduced to me for advice and assistance in the way of my Profession, without Previously knowing my situation, or relation to his Lordship. From the Agents of W<sup>m</sup> & John Crofton the Claimants under Talbots Will (and who in 1760 appointed M<sup>r</sup> James Haliday of Queen Ann County their Attorney) I have received a short Case and affidavit of which you have Copys Enclosed (N<sup>o</sup> 1 & 2) and have been likewise furnished with the Proceedings in the Ejectment brought upon the Demise of Thomas ag<sup>st</sup> Hamilton in 1752 and the objections then taken to Talbots Conviction, as having been in Virginia and not in Maryland, and the Determination of the Court ag<sup>st</sup> the Lessor of the Plt, who, I Presume, never proceeded in this appeal. This seems to have been a Determination upon the merits, and to have cut off his Lordships Title Root and Branch, which I have always understood to Depend upon the Conviction; and, upon the supposition of Talbots Dying seized, the Croftons have derived their Claim under his will. Maypother has likewise been with me as agent for some of the Croftons, and as having Obtained some Interest by Purchase from others of them, and he seems sick of his pursuit in Maryland, and would gladly make Terms with his Lordship for himself, at the expence even of his Principals, in order to reimburse past Charges, by obtaining a beneficial Grant or Lease of the Manor or part of it to himself, but