part am of a very different Opinion & suspect that this Spark Letter Bk. V will alone be sufficient to kindle a new Flame in the Country that will not be soon extinguish't. As I conclude from M^r Allens Letter & from what he farther intimated to Me that His Ldp will certainly appoint him either Agent or Rent Roll Keeper on Col^o Lloyd's Resignation, it will I apprehend answer no End to tell you that before I knew Mr Allen wish't to hold any Secular Employment I had promised to recommend Major Jenifer one of our Provincial Justices for the Office of Rent-Roll Keeper nevertheless I must in performance of my promise mention him to you. As to the Agency I thought His Ldp might choose to confer it on some Gentleman of the Council with All of whose Characters Abilities & Connections he was long ago acquainted. In Case His Ldp should appoint Mr Allen to either of those Employments or to any other Civil Office Be so kind as to intimate to me whether he is still to remain on the same Footing as at present with regard to the two Livings & whether in case a better than either should become vacant it is His Ldp's pleasure that he should hold that together with this for I am really at a loss what to do, nor do I know what lengths Mr Allen will desire me to go in order to serve him to the extent of His Ldp's

[Baltimore to Sharpe.]

favourable Intention. I am, &c.

Original.

London Decr 2d 1767. I have received y' Excellencys letter and M' Hamersley will give you full answer thereon. I return you a great many thanks, for y' firmness in the execution of my commission. Mr Calverts claim was a meer shadow and Mr Halls opinion has nothing new in it, it is the Grist of the Saw mill, wen blown into the eyes of those ignorant of the whole affair, at first may perplex, but in the end plain points must prevail, a famous court of judicature in Greece call the Areopagites would not suffer Eloquence at the bar but required a simple recital of the facts, I do not think this Business will be made clearer by a number of Arguments, therefore shall only observe that Mr Hall is all in Error when he says that it was my opinion & that of the Gentlemen in England, that an act of parlament was necessary, whereas it was exactly the Contrary. it was indeed recommended to be obtained, by Mr Booth the Ladys Lawyer who drew the Settlement, but on discussion of the same not one of the Council thought it at all necessary, & therefore it was droppt; the Council at that time, were Late L^d Chancellor Northampton & the Present L^d Chancellor Camden and as to myself I lefft the whole of the affair intirely to them.