

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

To Lord Baltimore. The 21st of June 1762

My Lord

Having transmitted to M^r Calvert to be laid before Your Lordship Journalls of the Proceedings of the two Houses of Assembly during the late Session & Copies of the several publick Acts to which on behalf of your Ldp I gave my Assent, It only remains for me to express my hopes to Your Ldp that the part I have acted & the Steps I have taken will meet with Your Ldp's Approbation. Inclosed I take the Liberty to send Your Ldp a Petition which was lately presented to me by a Person who lives about two Miles from Annapolis & is desirous to take up a small Tract of vacant Land which lies contiguous to his Plantation but by reason of a general Instruction recorded in the Land Office forbidding the Judges to grant Warrant or Patent for any Land lying within five Miles of this Town without a special Order he cannot accomplish his Wishes. As the Vacancy is so small in quantity & the Land really very poor I imagine it would be for Your Ldp's Interest to permit the Agent to dispose of it. By the Captain who charges himself with this I have sent Your Ldp a Pipe of the best Wine I have been for some time Master of & also a Dozen Hams, & by one Capt Ayres who is also just about to sail I will send your Ldp another Dozen which I hope will prove good. Having nothing worthy your Ldp's Notice at this time to communicate I shall only add that I am with the greatest Respect

Your Ldps most humble & faithful serv^t

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[Sharpe to Amherst.]

Sir: Inclosed I send your Excellency a Copy of a Letter which I received a few Days ago from a person who lives in the Western part of this Province about fifteen miles from Fort Cumberland. Not knowing but the Cherokees as I am told was once the case may take offence at their Enemies being supplied with Provisions & Necessaries by our Frontier Inhabitants while going to the Cherokee Country with hostile Intentions & may revenge themselves on such of our People I should not take the Liberty till I could know your Excellency's Desire to give Mr. Cresap any Instructions relative to the Subject on which he writes to me. Had I power to order payment for what such Indians may on their passage thro this Province be furnished with, but in fact I have no such power & have very little reason to think the Assembly would satisfy Mr. Cresap or any other person who might supply them with