

Letter Bk. IV was well so lately & I most heartily congratulate you on the happy Consequences of His Majesty's Endeavours to bring about a glorious & lasting Peace. With the greatest Reg^d.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Copy of the 120th Letter to M^r Calvert dated 4th June 1763
Sir

The 29th of last Month I wrote by an Officer who was going for England in answer to the Letter you had addressed to me the 28th of Feb^r last; by a Ship which I am told is just about to sail from Choptank River for London I now transmit you a Duplicate & embrace the same Opportunity to acknowledge my Receipt of the Letter you were pleased to favour me with the 1st of March with several Postscripts added thereto the 5th 21st & 22^d of that Month which Letter was brought me last Wednesday morning from on board a Vessel of M^r Hanbury's that is arrived in Potuxent River. I am glad to find that the answer I gave to the Assembly's long Address last Session is approved of & that you are satisfied with all my Proceedings. A Letter which the Earl of Egremont lately sent Governor Hamilton in order to be laid before the Assembly of Pennsylvania whose Conduct he severely blames gives us great Reason to believe that the Ministry will not again enjoin us to apply to our respective Assemblies for Supplies so that I hope all our Squabbles & Contentions about money Bills are at an End. Should I be disappointed in such hope & be again directed to call on them for Aids you may depend on my paying due Regard to what you have wrote to me relative to those matters. Having already transmitted you in my Letters dated the 10th of July 1758, 26th of May 1760 & my last Letter of which I now send you a Duplicate all that occurred to me when I have been considering by what means or ways Money might be most easily raised here for the Support of Troops I cannot really think of any other Scheme to communicate to you, but if the Ministry's Plan is to raise the Money by a Poll-Tax (which you know is what the People of this Province have been most accustomed to You may give in our Number as follows viz. White Inhabitants 114322 Black 49675; together are 164007 which is agreeable to the Constables Lists return'd about two years ago. We have a Report here that the Ministry have some thoughts of raising the Money that may be wanted to support Ten thousand American Troops by a Duty to be imposed on every Species of Goods whatever that might be imported from all Places except Great Britain & that such Duties may be the more considerable & His Majesty's Subjects in America may have all the Advantages which can be