

[R. Heron to Sharpe.]

Original.

Sir

I take the liberty to inform your Excellency of an affair which if let Pass with impunity will I fear be of bad consequence and disadvantage to this Province in general as well as to the Offices in the District; as plain S^r as I can comprehend, it is as follows. The Pensilvanians, have for a long time been Endeavouring to get an Inlet into this Province, and as I have been informed they have Transported by Land Sundry goods Particularly Rum, which has been brought in great Quantitys without notice or application to any Office. they are now I believe intended to Push at a more Extensive and advantagious way (if not prevented) in as much as they will be able to import it, in much greater Quantitys and much Cheaper then by Land Carriage. I have been several times informed of a Large Ship Building up the River Nanticoke in this District but always till now apprehended she belong'd to some Gentlemen on the Western Shore of this Province, I am satisfied from Persons of veracity that she is the Property of some Merch^{ts} Residing in Pensilvania, she is now more than half Loaded with Lumber, and as the Master nor any Other has been to this or the Naval Office to make an Entry as directed by Law, it seems to me as if they determined not to come near any Office in this Province, and to depend intirely on the advantage they think themselves intituled to on account of the Devision line between the Two Provinces, as Your Excellency must be much better acquainted with the Nature of this Affair then I can Possibly be, and what they are, or are not intituled to, I Humbly beg Your Excellencys advice in what manner I may act being determined to pursue such measure as will be most agreable to Your Excellencys better Judgment and am S^r

With the greatest Respect Your
Excellencys most Hum^{ble} & Most Obed^t
Serv^t

Rob^t HeronPort Pocomoke June 21st 1763.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Letter Bk.IV

Copy of 121st Letter to M^r Calvert Dated 2^d July 1763.

Sir

No London Ship having arrived here since I wrote to you by a Vessel of M^r Elams from Choptank the 4th of last Month I have no Letter of yours to answer but being told that a Ship of M^r Steuarts is just about to sail from Potowmack I embrace the Opportunity to send you inclosed the two last Philadelphia