

of Success by Sir William Peperel at Neagara and Governor Shirley at Crown Point in America. May all Health and Happiness attend you and the Province of Maryland is the Sincere Wish of him who is with all Respect.

Your truly obliged Humble Servant.

Cecil<sup>s</sup> Calvert.

Pos<sup>t</sup>. . With Regard to my Recommendations of M<sup>r</sup> Skinner M<sup>r</sup> Young or any others I may've done either by Letter or otherways for the appointment of Sheriffs. I desire you'l Act with Respect to such my Recommendations on other than is Consistent to his Lor<sup>ps</sup> Affair & your own Policy in Govern<sup>t</sup> The Persons in General mostly are offer's to me By Merch<sup>ts</sup> Trading to the Province who to get Rid of there Requests force me to write. As to Philip Young I know him not, you seem to think him Bad therefore follow not my request to you. Your Brother W<sup>m</sup> at the Council Office informed me, that S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Robinson Sec<sup>y</sup> of State told him that the Roman Catholicks were too much Encouraged as he was inform'd in Maryland y<sup>r</sup> Brother assur'd to the Contrary. As 'tis false & groundless, I think you would do well to Justifye the Proprietor & self to the Sec<sup>y</sup> I delivered y<sup>r</sup> Inclosed to the Earl of Halifax.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Cecilius Calvert to Horatio Sharpe]

London October the 24<sup>th</sup> 1755

Sir.

The Conveyance by this Ship, her departure being sudden, I have but time in part to acknowledge, some Contents of yours. viz. July the 15<sup>th</sup> August the 11<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup> with one of no date. By yours dated, 'tis a great Concern to read of so compleat a Defeat to His Majesty's Forces by the French & Indians near the Banks of Monongahelia the 9<sup>th</sup> of July with the Loss of so many brave Officers & Lives, with all the Cañon & Artillery waggons, besides Ammunition Carts &c<sup>a</sup> The news of the Defeat must have thrown the People of Maryland into the greatest Confusion, it being near their Back Frontiers. His Lordship approves greatly your immediate Circumspection & Step taken on the Defeat, In calling the Assembly to take Advice & your writing Circular Letters to have the Slaves & Convicts well observed & watched, with your orders for the Militia of the several Counties to be prepared to quell in Case any Insurrection should be Occasioned by the Unfortunate Stroke. The Gentlemen & People Subscribers you Mention for an Arm'd Force for the Defence & Protection of the Frontiers, Manifest their Duty to