

selves by real Service. On a Little clash, he took conduct to my Lord by M<sup>r</sup> Bladen inter als: to insinuate an Acco<sup>t</sup> of his Brother James deceased for money he saye due to him from the late Lord, by Acco<sup>t</sup> I understood near Thirty years standing. neither approving his Policy nor Demand I drop'd him, with no concern for what he may say. Y<sup>r</sup> several Let<sup>rs</sup> to Lord Baltimore I have duly delivered him & have pressed him often for Ans<sup>rs</sup> to you, but so it is, he is always busy at Woodcote & other amusements so taken up that affords him no Leisure to write, he sends you his best wishes. Y<sup>rs</sup> to y<sup>r</sup> Brother W<sup>m</sup> I've constantly delivered. I ask'd him if any Answ<sup>r</sup> he had I woud Inclose it, he said No. The only safe conveyance of writing to you for the time to come is by the Trade und<sup>r</sup> convoy. here's not the least surmise of Peace. The french are cruel Enemies in the Electorate of Hanover destructive of all things, of Life & Property. Tis much talk'd that 200—of our Troops are for Hanover to joyn the Prussians & Electorate Troops und<sup>r</sup> the com<sup>d</sup> of Prince Ferdinand for whom his Majesty has bespoken a Diamond Sword.

The inclosed Instructions for Executing a Let<sup>r</sup> of Attor<sup>y</sup> by M<sup>r</sup> Ogle with a Let<sup>r</sup> from him to me to execute a Deed is the request of M<sup>r</sup> Ernst & L<sup>d</sup> Baltimore who desires y<sup>r</sup> favour of sending the Papers to the Parties to Execute with return to me soon as possible.

The East India Company have sent their Com<sup>miss</sup><sup>n</sup> to Col. Clive as Gov<sup>r</sup> of Bengal with a Salary of £10000 p<sup>r</sup> Ann: He is so rich tis thought no Bait for him. Col. Draper with ab<sup>t</sup> 2000 Troops is sail'd for them parts.

[Cecilius Calvert to Horatio Sharpe]

London Nov<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1758

Sir.

Since mine of March the 17<sup>th</sup> no safe conveyance has Offered of writing you. I have y<sup>rs</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> the latter in part answ<sup>d</sup> by mine the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, since I have y<sup>rs</sup> of March, May, June & the 10<sup>th</sup> of July owning y<sup>r</sup> receipt of His Lord<sup>ps</sup> Instructions the 23<sup>d</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> & my Letters the 18<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>d</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1757.

To material Circumstances in your's, Inclosed are his Lord<sup>ps</sup> Instructions Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1758, follows my Endeavours to answer other particulars. Concerning M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Rent-Roll Keeper of the East shore. My Lord approves y<sup>r</sup> Opinion, his residence on the West shore as most convenient to his meeting at Annapolis the Shiriffs the Farmers of his Rents & the place where the Land Records are kept