

rec^d The inclosed Rent Roll of Calvert County is rec^d Concern^g you write of M^r Stuart of his Charge on Me his detention of the Surplus Money on Vacancy of M^r Young Judge of the Land Office, his Demise, I have examined. My Let^{rs} to him he has No such Direction from Me, tell him to produce it. Suffer Me not to stand Guilty of Anticipation with you.

Our Events ag^t the Enemy this Year will Ever be Illustrious in the British Annals, great Honour to our King & Country, four Signals S^t James's Cannon has proclaim'd Prince Ferdinand in the Plains of Minden, Admiral Boscawen Lagos Bay, Gen^l Wolf Quebec City, S^r Edw^d Hawk of Bell Isle & thanksgiving to the Almighty in w^h is included S^r W^m Johnson's Action of Niagara Gen^l Amherst of Ticondarago & crown Point & of Admiral Pocock Success's in the East Indies & a Plentiful Harvest Remarkable this year. Brave times when Men can say to one another Here's to you, God save the King. We have Bearded the French.

I have the pleasure to Acquaint you as a Token of his Lordships Estimation of your Merit & Service to Him, he has a Massy figured Gold Snuff Box with the Provincial Arms Engraved w^h by the first opportunity he will send you for Acceptance. the inclosed News Papers of Particulars May all Health & Happiness Attend you is the sincere wish of.

I thank you for y^r Bill before
w^h is paid & for y^r Bill John Ridout
on Sam^l Galloway lately return'd } Y^r Thankful Serv^t
Cecil^s Calvert.

Pos^t Dec^r Upon closing this, I have y^r first Packet & find with your Acco^t of Talbot Manor the Copy of the Comiss^{rs} of fforfeited Estates To His Excell^y John Hart Gov^r of Maryland their Warrant to the Sheriffs of the Province for the Seizure of M^r Talbot Estate, if you think there is any other Matter Necessary send it. M^r Young of whom you have write, informes Me of a Report that he is to be displaced, requests continuance that his Circumstances are low & has lost his house by fire. As you wrote posponing y^r proposition ab^t him I imagine Y^r transcriber Blabs. By My Pos^t to M^r Lloyd, if he does not resign he is Warn'd of removal unless you make him part of the Scheme herein proposed, w^h will take place on Minits from you how to Plan & in w^h I hope your Benefit. I know not of the Building of the Land Office, if it is wanting My Lord must inlarge & make it comodious. The French King has Stop'd paym^t on all his Funds & call'd in all the Plate of his Kingdom one fourth of the Value to be paid the Remd^r to be on Credit