

[Cecilius Calvert to Horatio Sharpe]

London April 2^d 1765

Sir

The enquiry con^g the inclosed is by the Earl of Strafford to Lord Baltimore, who directs me to acquaint you that he desires your service and favourable interposition on the Behalf of M^{rs} Rhodes, that Justice may be rendered her by M^r Baxter impowered by Let^{rs} of Attor^y from her & others sent him; of w^h his Let^r and Copy of Let^r inclosed by M^r Pierce to M^r Baxter will fully inform you. if default by Baxter or with the widow of Anthony Rodes. in either case it is requested of you to require that Satisfaction be given by paym^t to the party here. if they refuse, then your friendly interposition is desired, to recom^d a proper and worthy Provincial Person or Lawyer safe to be intrusted for executive Justice ag^t injurious treatm^t for w^h purpose money is not wanted here by the Claim^{ts}

Pos^t His Majesty is this day with I am with all Respect
the Queen and Royal family Y^{rs} truly
gone to Richmond to reside, on Cecil^s Calvert
acc^t of his ill Health, by inflammation
a cold on his Lungs, the parliam^t will be
prog^d soon the American Bill you'l receive
from our Govern^t protests to M^r Lloyd

Pos^t the inclosed Let^r W^m Shaw at John Semple is to a Lad allowed by Cap^t Dawson and bound apprentice to M^r Semple, Let^r recom^d by the Earl of Litchfield the 23^d of March the American Stamp Duty Bill by the Crown & parliam^t was passed, the cash arising thereby being by the Bill to be transmitted to England this, and the Colonies trade with the Spaniard in America not admitted, must Cripple the source of Cash into our Colonies, the Nerve of trade; all observation joined with paym^t of the American Cash to the troops there in Aid of keeping the circulation of cash in the Colonies alledged, is insignificant here, the Colonies have threatned, Great Britain is come to a resolution to try a better or worse with them, and convince them of Lex Parliamenti M^r Franklyn is Dumb, save he has uttered privately his Approbation of the American policy here. his Charge Des affaires, at the Colony's Cost, best temporised these. I hope Maryland will cast folly, and keep its natural interest with its Proprietor. Jan^y & feb^y I wrote you fully on all concerns with Inst^{ns} inter als. his Lord^{ps} Assent. M^r Goldsborough Comiss^y Mess^{rs} Holliday & Hooper to be of the Council W. wind near two months intelligence late to you. I hope to hear from