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LETTER FROM SECRETARY CECILIUS CALVERT TO GOVERNOR HORATIO SHARPE, LONDON, MARCH 30, 1759

[THIS LETTER REFERS TO THE OPINION OF CHARLES PRATT, THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE CROWN, UPON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE SERVICE BILL, REPEATEDLY PASSED BY THE LOWER HOUSE, AS TO (1) THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ANNAPOLIS ALDERMEN TO VOTE FOR BURGESSES TO THE ASSEMBLY; (2) APPOINTMENTS TO SUNDRY PROVINCIAL OFFICES; (3) THE HOSTILITY OF HUGH HAMMERSLY TOWARDS SHARPE; (4) THE STATUS OF DUTCH SHIPS SEIZED BY THE BRITISH; (5) THE NECESSITY OF CONVOYS FOR MERCHANTMEN; (6) BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S TROUBLESOME ACTIVITIES IN LONDON; (7) THE RE-EXAMINATION BY THE HOME GOVERNMENT OF THE PURCHASE DEEDS TO LANDS BY THE PENN FAMILY FROM THE INDIANS; (8) THE ORDER BY LORD BALTIMORE THAT NO BILLS BE ALLOWED TO PASS PENALIZING ROMAN CATHOLICS "WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CAUSE OF THEIR OFFENCE."]

London March 30.th 1759

Sir

Inclosed I transmit you his Lord.^{ps} Letter on the Subject matter of the Province that has been so long depending for Advice from M.^r Pratt the Attor.^y Gen.^l In Mine of the 17.th Instant I Address'd My self to you on that Subject, of w.^h My Lord Approved, But Now You have his & M.^r Attorney's Better Reasons for y.^r Conduct & Guidance on that Important Affair—I have y.^{rs} the 10.th of Decem.^r last. I am glad you have reason to think the Affair of Doctor Stuart Election for Annapolis will not be determined by a Nullity of the Aldermans Vote—To y.^r Desire to confer the Naval Office of Pocomoke on Col: Henry & the making M.^r Goldsborough Surveyor Gen.^l of the East shore My Lord Approve & Consents Concern.^g such y.^r Proposition I have write to M.^r Tasker Deputy Sec.^y, if you Approve, close & deliver it him—My Lord thanks you for y.^{rs} & y.^r Acco.^t Decem.^r the 8.th 1758. I suspect, I know not, if M.^r Hammersley has set up Corespd^t with you, if he has, have a Care how you commune with him he's not y.^r friend, the less you mention of him the better. I have Quiet'd y.^r Adversaries here—fill up as fast as vacancys happen

The Lords of Appeal have determin'd the Case of the Dutch ships taken this War shall be restored with Costs. s.^d 1,500000 English Privateers will be few. French will swarm the Merch.^t Men must not Venture without Convoy—M.^r Franklin from Pensilvania

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