

MSS. has made Much ado ab.<sup>t</sup> Nothing, the Sum of all he has threatn'd  
 Archives of Md. is, he has present'd a Petition ag.<sup>t</sup> the Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Peters, That all the  
 Portfolio Purchase Deeds w.<sup>h</sup> Thomas & Rich.<sup>d</sup> Penn or their Ancestors held  
 No. 4 of Indian Lands may be examin'd & Determin'd by his Majesty &  
 Letter 33 that the Limits be.<sup>t</sup> the Lands boug.<sup>t</sup> of Indians, & those yet un-  
 Hall of Records purchased may have his Majesty's Decision.

I am with all Esteem

Y<sup>rs</sup>

Cæcil:<sup>s</sup> Calvert

To His Excell<sup>y</sup> Horatio Sharpe Esq.<sup>r</sup> L.<sup>t</sup> Gov.<sup>r</sup> of Maryland.

Pos.<sup>t</sup> My Lord Desires you nor the Upper House will not suffer  
 any thing to Pass that may be Penal on the Roman Catholicks with-  
 out sufficient Cause of their Offence

[Endorsed on back] From M<sup>r</sup> Calvert March 13.<sup>th</sup> [sic] 1759

#### VIII

#### LETTER FROM GOVERNOR HORATIO SHARPE TO HIS BROTHER, PHILIP SHARPE, FEBRUARY 8, 1760

[THE GOVERNOR ASKS HIS BROTHER'S OPINION AS TO  
 THE LEGALITY OF THE ISSUANCE FOR "DOCEURS" BY CER-  
 TAIN COLONIAL GOVERNORS OF FLAGS OF TRUCE TO MASTERS  
 OF PRIVATEERS, WHO UNDER THE GUISE OF TRANSPORTING  
 FRENCH PRISONERS TO THE WEST INDIES FOR EXCHANGE,  
 ALSO CARRY ON A CLANDESTINE TRADE IN SUGARS WITH  
 THE ENEMY FRENCH IN SANTO DOMINGO. GOVERNOR  
 SHARPE OBVIOUSLY LOOKS UPON THE TRADE AS ILLEGAL,  
 AND THE ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNORS AS MORE THAN  
 QUESTIONABLE. HE FEELS THAT THE SHIPMENT FROM  
 THE COLONIES OF GOLD COIN TO CARRY ON THE TRADE IS  
 ALSO DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE COLONIES.  
 HE WISHES TO LEARN THE ATTITUDE OF THE HOME  
 GOVERNMENT.]

MSS. Duplicate  
 Archives of Md. Dear Phill  
 Portfolio Application having been just now made to Me by some Gentlemen  
 No. 4 of this Province for Liberty & a Power to transport to S.<sup>t</sup> Domingo  
 Letter 54 four or five French Prisoners that were lately taken at Sea & brought  
 Hall of Records into Virginia I embrace an Opportunity that offers to give You an

Annapolis the 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb.<sup>y</sup> 1760