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The Hon^{ble} Cecilius Calvert Esq^r His Lordship's Secre-
tary of Maryland to Benedict Calvert in that Province,
on the legacy of Ann Arundel mannor by the late
Lord's will being invalid, as the Present Lord Proprietary
is vested therein by his Father's marriage Settlement.

London July the 9th. 1752.

Dear Sir.

I have received your of the 6th of May last
and return you my thanks, I am obliged to you for your
kind offers therein made me, and shall always be ready
for any instance whereby I can be truly of service to you,
and you may depend of my sincerity therein; But in regard
to the legacy left you by my late Brother, as recited in his
will, of Ann Arundel mannor in Maryland in prejudice
of the Lord Proprietary his Son; I cannot take upon me
to act as a mediator between you and him as you desire,
The Property of the said mannor being vested absolutely in
the present Proprietor Jr as much as his Father the late
Lord was only Tenant for life, with Reversion to his Son as
Tenant in Tail, as fully appears by his Father's marriage Settle-
ment, whereby he could not subject his Son to the Loss
of any Landed Property either in Maryland or Avalon in America,
or in the County of Surry in Great Britain, by any Donation.
This being truly the case in regard to the late Lord's incapacity
by legacy to you of Ann Arundel mannor, what can I do therein?
You say, it may have been represented to the Present Lord more
considerable than it really is, But as it is at this present time
before me under consideration by reason of the near Expiration
of the Lease,