Cont. You herewith receive an Extract of the Report of the Board of Trade to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury dated 20. February 17[48/50] upon the account of Expences incurr'd in the Northern Colonies on the intended Expedition against Canada; By which You will find I have take the best means to accomplish the Request agreable to the Sense of the Lower House of Assembly, for replacing the Arms Maryland supplied for his Majestys Service; The completion of which I hope will not be long before it is perfected. And likewise what is wanting relating to the Susquehanah Manor, which I can assure You is a difficult Task to obtain.

As to the Collector of Chester River, I think I may say for certain I have succeeded so far as to obtain a Confirmement of his Power to Chester River only. As to Mr. Stirlings being nominated thereto, I take upon me to say, That I believe Mr. Hanbury had no hand in procuring it, from his own Declaration & other Reasons; he has Evined his Sincerity therein by his acting in Conjunction with Mr. John Sharpe for Mr. Calverts full Reestablishment. Mr. Stirlings continuance is owing to Mylord H—— x— opinion, that a Collector is absolutely nec[y] there. From which opinion neither Mr. Sharpe nor Mr. Hanbury could make him depart, notwithstanding all the Representation concerning the Unnecessariness of such Officer as chester & the occasion of such appointment being the consequence of appointing a Person to officiate as an additional naval officer there, under the Provincial Authority.

My Answer to the Attorney Gen[ls] Letter I have inclosed You open for your Perusal, after which you will seal it up with a wafer under the seal & deliver it him. The Particulars of my answer to him are by the Directions, Authority & Approbation of his Lordships Guardians. I am concern'd for the occasion of it. As to Mr. Brook who has been the subject matter thereof, I have not heard of nor