

To Your Lordship & at the same time of expressing my own
gratitude for Your Lordships Favours & assuring Your Lordship
that I am too sensible of the honour conferred on me to ~~be~~
wanting in my Duty or zeal in advancing by all possible
means Your Lordships Honour & Interest. — 81

Copy of the 3^d Letter to M^r Calvert dated the 2^d
of Oct^r 1753 & transmitted by Capt. Chew. —

Sir I take this opportunity of Addressing You in M^r
Ridout's favour who should M^r Sterling's Commission
be withdrawn & the Office not revert to M^r Calvert,
desires if You are under no prior Engagement to be re-
commended to that Office. You know He is disqualified
for holding any place under his Lordships Commission
till after three Years residence, on that Account I am
persuaded as well as on my Recommendation You will
be ready to confer on Him such an Obligation. M^r
Sterling's District includes Chester Bohemia Sapas
& Patuxco Rivers. The Merchants will make interest
I am told to separate the last from the other three & get
it added as heretofore to the Collectorship of Annapolis
which will be much for the Advantage of their Trade
The other three are so adjacent that one Person can
attend Them all with great ease. — I shall defer
working on ^{my} Business till I see the Disposition of the Assembly
who will meet to Day. Upon looking more particularly into