

of Your Ldps Friends at this time were frustrated by
Mr Calverts refusing to accept the Office on any such terms
as I proposed, which made me decline taking any Step in
this affair & to avoid all possibility of giving offence have
ordered Mr Stewart to attend the Duty of the Office as
he did during Mr Youngs Life till you can learn Your
Ldps pleasure for the disposal of a place of so great Trust
& Importance. My Ldps will do me the honour to pay my best
Respects to Mrs Ldps & to believe me by Ldps
most devoted & mo^o obed^t Serv^t W.S.

Copy of the 5th Lett^r to Mr Calvert dated the 20th of
July 1754. transmitted by Capt: Etherington.

Sir To prevent any ill consequence that might be occasioned
by the miscarriage of some Letters to You dated in Dec^r
I have taken this opportunity of transmitting Copies of them
as also of a Proclamation issued by the Order of the late Ld
Proprietary which the Gent^l of the Council thought it
might be proper to submit to His Ldps perusal & wait
his Answer before obedience to Col: Loyds Instruction for
requiring an Alienation Fine upon every Deed be insisted
on. If His Ldps should be pleased to conform that
Instruction of Col: Loyds perhaps You will not think it

improper