

I have taken an Opportunity since my Arrival of visiting
Baltimore which indeed has the Appearance of the most increasing
Town in the Province, tho it scarcely answered the Opinion
I had conceived of it; hardly as yet rivaling Annapolis in
number of Buildings or Inhabitants; its Situation as to
Pleasantness Air & Prospect is inferior to that of Annapolis,
but if one considers it with respect to Trade, The extensive
Country beyond it leaves no room for Comparison; were a
Few Gent^{rs} of fortune to settle there & encourage the Trade
it might soon become a flourishing place but while few
beside the Germans (who are in general Masters but of small
Fortunes) build & inhabit there I apprehend it cannot make
any considerable Figure. I am promised as soon as it can be
completed by a Gent^l therein residing a Plan of the Town as
it is begun & designed to be perfected, which I hope to convey
Your^l Lop with my farther Sentiments & a particular
Description of its Site & of the adjacent Country when I
again take the Liberty of opening Your Lop how much
I am Your Lop's most devoted humble Serv^t W. S.

Copy of the 9th Letter to Mr. Calvert dated the
3 of May 1754. Transmitted by Capt. Coxen

Sir Had any Opportunity offered within this two Months I should
have sent you before Copies of all the Laws made at a
Session of Assembly begun & held at Annapolis the 2^d of Oct^r 1753