

Copy of the 42<sup>d</sup> Lett<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert dated at Annapolis  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1766. Transmitted by Capt Montgomery  
Sr

By a Ship which I am told is just about to sail from  
Potowmack. I embrace this Opportunity of acknowledging  
the Receipt of your Lett<sup>r</sup> of the 22 of Aug<sup>r</sup>. & of Sept. together  
with His Ld<sup>s</sup> Instructions of the same Date. I only want  
two Constables Returns of the Number of People in their  
Districts to compleat a List of the Number of our Inhabi-  
tants, as soon as they are received such an exact List shall be  
made out for his Ld<sup>s</sup> present in my first Lett<sup>r</sup>. Col<sup>o</sup> Tasher  
accepts the Office on the Conditions You offer, viz the paying  
of £200 annually to your Order, & acts by my Appointment  
till you shall please to send him a Deputation. As M<sup>r</sup>  
Darnal peremptorily refuses to resign the Naval Office of  
Potowmack & become Keeper of either Port or Hell I cannot exe-  
cute that part of His Ld<sup>s</sup> Instructions as I intended to  
do as soon as M<sup>r</sup> Thomas & Col<sup>o</sup> Loyd come to Annapolis  
which I expect in a few Days, I shall give Col<sup>o</sup> Loyd such  
a Hint as you desire & make M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> an Offer to be joint  
Commissary with M<sup>r</sup> Tasher which I hope he will accept,  
otherwise I shall be much at a loss, there being no Gent<sup>l</sup> else  
in the Council at all acquainted with the Law except M<sup>r</sup>  
W<sup>m</sup> Godsbrough & Col<sup>o</sup> Henry who reside on the Eastern Shore  
& would not I apprehend be induced by such an Office to quit