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but as I have this ^{last} opportunity of writing I embrace it
that your Lop might receive the most early Intelligence Advice
of what has happened.

Copy of ^{the} Letter to M^r Calvert dated the 26 Dec: 1757
transmitted by Capt. Somerville.

Sir,
Having at length had the pleasure to receive your three Letters dated
the 7 of April, 13 of July & 12 of August last I shall now give an Answer
to those parts of them that seem to require one. I am glad to find that
His Lop approves of my having dismissed M^r Edw^d Tilghman from
the Office of Sheper of the Eastern Shore Rent Rolls & that he has no
other Objection to M^r W^m Thomas's being continued in that Office,
than that he lives on this side the Bay. Since that is the Case
I must take the Liberty to assure you that this accidental Cir-
cumstance is so far from being disadvantageous to His Lop's Affairs
that it is really of great Use & Benefit & enables M^r Thomas to bring
those Rents out of Confusion into Order with Abundance more ease
to himself & to worry one else concerned than if he resided on any Part
of the Eastern Shore. You know it is not the Business of a Rent-
Roll Sheper to ride about & look after the several Tracts of Land the
Rents whereof may at any time happen to be disputed, That is the
Business or Duty of the Farmer who may be charged with such
Rents & whose Interest it is to recover them. The Rent Roll
Sheper is only concerned with the Farmers & the Agent & ought
in my Opinion to reside, if possible, in or near the Place where the

Farmers