

To Lord Baltimore. Annapolis the 8<sup>th</sup> of Decem: 1750.

My Ld

Together with a Copy of the Account that I transmitted to Your Ldp the 2<sup>d</sup> of last March I shall now send Your Ldp another of the Amount of the Duty of one Shilling a Tnd which the Naval Officers collected between the 2<sup>d</sup> of Sept: 1757 & the 2<sup>d</sup> of last Sept: which they have now accounted for to Your Ldp's Agent. Your Ldp will likewise receive inclosed in this Letter sundry Bills of Exchange for £401. 9. 6, the said Sum being very near the Ballance due to Your Ldp as will appear by this Year's Account. When I sent the former to Your Ldp the 2<sup>d</sup> of March last I supposed that the Nett Sum which the Agent had received from the Naval Officer of Potuxent was £243. 19. 3 & that he had received from the Naval Officer of Potowmack £329. 6. 7 but when Col: Loyd came afterwards to Annapolis & settled with me he gave me to understand that the former had paid him on Account of the One Shilling a Tnd no more than £224. 5. 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> & the latter no more than £325. 10. which Difference I found was occasioned by Your Ldp's having given Leave for some of the Tnds of Tob: that were exported from those Districts that Year to be shipped Duty free in lieu of a like Quantity that had been lost at Sea in a preceding Year, this being the Case & Col: Loyd having therefore upon a Settlement paid me £23. 2. 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> less than I expected he would & than I gave Your Ldp Credit for I have now taken the Liberty to rectify that Error & altho Col: Loyd has not yet settled with me for the Year that expired the 2<sup>d</sup> of last Sept: yet I hope there will be no Error this time as I have Copies of all the Naval Officers Accounts now before me. We have not received any Authentick Advices from the Westward since the 20 of last Month at which time General Forbes was on his March