

To Lord Baltimore, Annapolis the 19th of April. 1759 ---

My Lord I now do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Excellency's
Letter dated the 27th of Nov^r last which Your Excellency may depend on my observing
executing as far as shall be in my Power. It gives me great Satisfaction to find
that Your Excellency approves of the Message which I sent to the Lower House
of Assembly in May last upon the Subject of the Militia. I am likewise pleased
that You are likewise pleased with the Steps I took last Summer for the Protection of
the Frontier Inhabitants after the Assembly had declined providing in any
manner for their Defence. The Instruction Your Excellency is pleased to give
upon the Opinions that we gave to Mr Thomas Bent Roll Keeper thereof
of Dec^r 1757. shall be duly observed by all Parties whose Duty it is to obey it;
I shall likewise give such an Instruction to the Naval Officers concerning
the Duty to be paid by the Vessels that are employed in fetching Iron Ore
to Virg^a as Your Excellency is pleased to approve of. As both Mr Baker &
Mr Thomas live at a considerable Distance it will not I imagine be easy
to get them to meet at this Season, but I shall endeavour to bring them together
as soon as possible & will do every thing in my Power to have that
Affair at the Termination in Talbot Mannour settled forthwith. Your Excellency's
Instruction with regard to Mr Dulany's being appointed Commissary General in
the Room of Mr Tashet has been already complied with; at the Opening of
the last Session of Assembly the 4th Inst. Mr Bordley was admitted a Member
of the Council of Upper House agreeable to Your Excellency's Instructions. The
Lower House having again shown that they are determined never to grant any
Money to the King's Service unless the Upper House will pass without any
material Alterations the Bill which they have so often refused, & the Gent^l
of the Upper House being on their Part as steadfastly resolved never to assent
thereto, I have at the pressing Instances of Your Excellency's Council prorogued the
Assembly to the Middle of July before which time I expect the Gent^l will
advise me to prorogue them to a longer Day. I am informed by a Gent^l
who is just come hither from Phila^a that before he left that City Governor

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