

approbation of my conduct since I have had the honour to serve Your  
Ldp hath made me extremely happy, & that it shall be my constant Study  
& Endeavour to act in such a manner for the future as may confirm Your  
Ldp in the good Opinion You have been pleased to entertain of me. & con-  
vince others as well as Your Ldp that I am with the utmost Respect  
My Ld Your Ldps most grateful & most devoted Serv<sup>t</sup>

To Lord Baltimore. Annapolis 23 May 1760

My Ld

Mr Calvert Your Ldps Secretary having in his Letter dated the  
18. Inst. last wrote to me to the following purport viz. " His Ldp consi-  
dering the bad Conduct & Method of his provincial property under no  
regular Measures is by Intricacy subject to Fraud & of much Ldp & Trou-  
ble to him, he therefore directs Propositions relative viz. that the Ldps  
Office His Ldps Office of Records from whence issues all Common, Speci-  
al & Resurvey Warrants, Grants & Patents of Land & of Leases of Lands, His  
proposed that part of that Office shall be a Repository for all the Farm  
Contracts from the Rent Roll Keepers, which Contracts before delivered to  
the Sherrifs to be examined & certified by the Judges of that Office, as to the  
Validity of Quit Rents of each County. And in that Office to be Deposited  
the Leases of all Mannour Lands & of all other Rights payable to the Ld.  
Proprietors: the original Contracts as often as Occasion shall happen of No-  
renewal to be deposited in that Office ready to be produced before the Board  
there; to consist of the Lieut. Governour the Judges of the Office the Receiver  
Gen<sup>l</sup> & Rent Roll Keepers. The Lieut. Governour with the Judges of the  
Lands