

be enough Sterling Cash in the Province, to pay the above mentioned Debt
Liberty should be given for the Inhabitants to pay in Lieu thereof For-
reign Gold or Silver at the Rates settled by Act of Parliament

Copy of ^{the} Letter to Mr. Calvert dated Belair in Prince
George County the 7th July 1760. transmitted by Capt Gannett.

Sir
You cannot easily conceive how great was my surprize & Concern
at reading the Beginning of Your Letter dated the 17th of March: when
in You seemed to insinuate that notwithstanding what His Ldp was
pleased to write to me the 8th of Jan^y last signifying his Approbation
of my Conduct) in Your Opinion scarcely one End of Govern^t had
been answered, & that it seemed to You extremely easy with the several
Advantages this Govern^t has in itself to prevent such a turbulent &
malvolent Spirit in the Lower House of Assembly as hath lately ap-
peared there: however my Uneasiness was a good deal diminished when
I had perused the whole Letter & perceived that the above was not
so much Your Opinion as an Introduction to a Scheme which some
Person here overzealous perhaps to serve His Ldp had thought fit to
communicate to You but which I am satisfied is in a great Measure
impracticable: Before I enter on a Disquisition of & give You my Sen-
timents at large upon the Plan which You have submitted to my Con-
sideration: I must take the Liberty to say something in Answer to
that part of Your Letter wherein You speak of the Council & of the
Qualifications without which no Person ought to be recommended