

possible after they receive it from the Naval Officers, since ~~there is~~ little probability of the Stocks falling so much in a Year or two as the Interest would in such time amount to, which Opinion of the two Houses I hope Your L^{ty} will be pleased to have communicated to the Trustees. and in order to prevent any loss for the future to Your L^{ty} or Your Lieut: Governour from a Naval Officers failing I should think it would not be amiss to require from each of them a Bond (separate & distinct from their Office Bond) with sufficient Sureties conditioned that they shall regularly & faithfully account & pay all such Sums as they may collect for the Use of both ^{your Lordship & your Lieutenants Governour} from the Masters of Vessels trading in their respective Districts & I should also think it would be proper for the future to increase the Penalty of their Office Bond to £1500 or £2000 ^{ft} but this Matter I submit to Your L^{ty} Consideration & am with the utmost Respect &c

Copy of 97th Lett: to M^r Calvert Dated Annapolis the 5th of May 1761. transmitted by the Randolph Capt Walker Duplicate via N^y to M^r Scott

Sir It is with great Concern I now write to advise You of a Report which hath been made by a Committee of both Houses, whereby it appears that M^r Darnall the Naval Officer of Potuacent hath for these five Years appropriated to his own private Use all the Money that he hath collected on account of the 15 p^{ts} which by the paper Currency Act made in 1732 ought to have been remitted by him to the Trustees in London for purchasing Bank Stock on account of the Province. That You may be thoroughly acquainted with the Affair & with all that hath passed between me & the two Houses thereupon I herewith transmit Copies of their Addresses & my Answers together with a Copy of the Committee's Report & some Letters which I presume You will lay before the L^{ty} who will I hope approve of the Steps that I have taken. You will see by the Extract of the Committee's Report (which the Lower House presented to me with