

Captain Eden as soon as he may think expedient after his Arrival here  
to fill the five vacant Seats with such Gentlemen as he may judge fit  
to be Members of the Council especially as Col<sup>d</sup> Hammond who is now  
the eldest Member is in an ill State of health & very old.  
Apprehending from some Letters I at times have received, from both Mr  
Calvert & Mr Hamersley that Your Ldp was desirous to have some more Manors  
laid out & reserved, as soon as the East & West Boundary Line should be run I  
last Spring caused three Tracts containing One of them 7750 Acres another 6030  
Acres & the third 1740 Acres to be surveyed in that Part of the Province, that lies  
on the Branches of the Yoghioany River but I conclude, from what Mr Hamersley  
says in his Letter of the 10 of July that Your Ldp is less desirous to increase the  
Number of Your Manors than I then expected & that You would choose rather  
that the Land should be sold, if that is the Case I will if Your Ldp pleases  
deposit the usual Caution Money for either of the small Tracts, & very probably  
other Persons may be found to take up the Rest if Your Ldp is willing to part  
with it on the same Terms. Not knowing but this might be the last time, I may  
have Occasion to trouble Your Ldp with a Letter while I have the honour to  
be Your Lieut Governor I cannot help taking the Opportunity to express my  
hopes that as Major Jenifer hath by many Services endeavoured to merit Your  
Ldp's Favour & is really better qualified for the Office of Rent Roll Keeper than  
Mr Merewether he might if the last Gentleman can be otherwise provided for  
be restored again to that Office, in case Your Ldp should be averse to continuing  
the Major Your Agent & Receiver General. Sincerely wishing Your Ldp conti-  
nual Health & every other Blessing I shall ever remain with the greatest Respect  
My Ldp's obliged & most obed<sup>t</sup> humb Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Copy of Letter to Mr Hamersley Dated Annapolis 27 May 1769  
transmitted by Captain Johnston

Sir Having been just now informed that there is a Ship about to sail from  
Potowmack to London I embrace the Opportunity to acknowledge my Receipt  
of the Letter You were pleased to write to Me the 19 of Nov last & to  
inform You that in pursuance of His Ldp's pleasure, thereby signified, I  
immediately called Doctor Stewart to the Council of which I presume he  
has himself advised You. Since I made You the last Remittance on  
account of Manour Land sold Mr Dulany & I have received other Bills  
on that account to the amount of £2097.12.11 the Firsts of which (thirty eight  
in Number) I herewith remit to You together with a State of the Sales