

Commands by paying him all possible Respect during his Stay here & on every other Occasion. I am with the greatest Gratitude My Ld Y<sup>r</sup> Ldps mo obliged & mo devoted &c. Letter Bk. I.

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

Original.

S<sup>r</sup>

The pleasure you promised me in yo<sup>r</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> of hearing from you on Affairs by Cap<sup>t</sup> Coolidge, who you mention was to sail in a few days after, the satisfaction thereof I have not by the same, the ship is arrived. The Completion of matters between France & us gives great Apprehension of a War, and as she often acts sudden without notice, I fear her first onset on our Trade Ships.

The not hearing from M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd the Agent gives uneasiness, who in his last Letter says, he had 3000<sup>l</sup> Cash & shou<sup>d</sup> have Considerable more for my Lord due S<sup>t</sup> Mich<sup>l</sup> which he shou<sup>d</sup> be Obliged to send in Specie, good Bills of Exch<sup>a</sup> not being to be had, therefore wou<sup>d</sup> transmit it soon after X<sup>m</sup>as of w<sup>ch</sup> I have received no intelligence for Insurance.

Inclosed is yo<sup>r</sup> Broth<sup>r</sup> Iohn's Letter concerning the Postponing the Maryland Salt Bill from being brought into Parliam<sup>t</sup> this Sessions & will disclose the unavoidable reasons for the same & Iustify his Lord<sup>p</sup> having done all he can to get it; What turn it may take the next Sessions I can't Predict.

Yo<sup>r</sup> Intelligence of General Affairs abo<sup>t</sup> the French in America is very acceptable to the administration here; But I know not how it is such Advices from you, also of yo<sup>r</sup> proceedings in Maryland, are Rec<sup>d</sup> here by others some time e<sup>r</sup> wee have them from you.

Inclos'd is a pamphlet abo<sup>t</sup> Pensilvania, the author sets forth the Artfull pecuniary pusalanimity of Quaker Government, ag<sup>t</sup> the Fundamental Law of Nature that of Self preservation.

The Govern<sup>t</sup> here go on Increasing their Naval Armament & Compleating Regim<sup>ts</sup> arriv<sup>d</sup> from Ireland, 'tis said at Brest the French are doing the same.

With Esteem.

Yo<sup>rs</sup> sincerely

Cæcil<sup>s</sup> Calvert

London 17. March 1755.

All Officers in Town belonging to the Forces in Scotland & Ireland are ordered to repair to their Regim<sup>ts</sup> 'tis said there is now ready between 40 & 50 ships of the Line. Informations of several French Officers taken in Scotland.

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having forgot to mention in my Letter I put this in as Pos<sup>t</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Bladen having requested of my Lord for a Living on