

service, & since its not obtained, I have told y<sup>r</sup> Brother Will<sup>m</sup> that I hoped, he & Iohn wo<sup>d</sup> get you the Establishm<sup>t</sup> of half pay in consequence of y<sup>r</sup> last Commiss<sup>n</sup> from His Majesty as L<sup>t</sup> Col: & Comm<sup>d</sup>r in Chief of the fforces in America.

My Lord having rec<sup>d</sup> a Let<sup>r</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Jones Bohemia Maryland Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1755. wherein he speaks of himself with much Merit on Acco<sup>t</sup> of services done the late Lord & the present, in the Disputes between Maryland & Pensilvania & further observes, that he imagines the south Branch of Potomack extends much the furthest to the westw<sup>d</sup> w<sup>h</sup> he says he thinks is now generally allow'd, tho' L<sup>d</sup> Fairfax has laid down his western Boundary by a Line from the south Branch of Rappahenock to the north Branch of Potomack w<sup>h</sup> he observes deprives L<sup>d</sup> Baltimore of a vast quantity of Land evidently within His Charter, with<sup>t</sup> any advantage to Lord Fairfax, for he wo<sup>d</sup> include as much if not more Lands by running to the southern Branch as he does by running to the northern. My Lord desires you'l inquire into these matters with respect to the North & south Branches of Potomack River, how the Courses of the River runs to his Advantage or Disadvantage, And if to his Advantage with<sup>t</sup> Loss to Lord Fairfax, you will endeavour & ajust the same w<sup>th</sup> Lord Fairfax ; And under this Head the Colony of Virginia must be included in such Adjustm<sup>t</sup> of these matters, you will by the earliest Opportunity acquaint My Lord by Let<sup>r</sup> from y<sup>r</sup> self. M<sup>r</sup> Iones desires a Compensation for his Trouble & Endeavours for the Benefit of My Lord, w<sup>h</sup> he has been at & has been by him transmitted he requests of His Lord<sup>sh</sup> for his son in Law M<sup>r</sup> Simon Willmer of Kent to be sheriff of that County, the next vacancy in 1756 & says he dare engage for his Qualifications & due Discharge of that Office, of w<sup>h</sup> Request His Lord<sup>sh</sup> Leaves to y<sup>r</sup> Consideration, as now the Sheriffs are to be the Receivers of His Quit-Rents ; if you think M<sup>r</sup> Iones's Request consistent with His Lord<sup>sh</sup>s Affairs you will admit thereof.

War or Peace seems still as uncertain as ever. all Regiments here are almost completed. The same is said of the great Levies in France, from whence England is threaten'd with an Invasion. Notwithstand<sup>s</sup> the most refined Politicians still venture to assert there will be no War, the Truth of w<sup>h</sup> this summer must discover. The Treaty lately concluded between His Majesty & the King of Prussia, whereby the latter has engag'd to Guarantee the Electorate of Hanover against fforeign Troops &c. seems to have sett France at a Loss what Turn to take.

May All Health and Happyness attend you and the Province of Maryland is the sincere wish of him who is with peculiar Esteem,

Dear Sir  
Your Sincere Humble Servant  
Cæcil<sup>s</sup> Calvert.