

Oaths that are ordered to be administered on such Occasions Letter Bk. III
 & also gave Bond to His Majesty with good Surety in the
 Sum of £1000 St^s for due Performance of his Office, which
 Bond I shall transmit to the Surveyor General by the first
 Opportunity & as I believe M^r Ridout is well qualified for the
 Office he is appointed to execute it would give me great
 pleasure to hear that the Surveyor General's Nomination is
 approved of & that M^r Ridout is thought worthy to be con-
 tinued in his Office I am &c.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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Annapolis the 2^d Feb^y 1760.

My Ld

Having lately had the pleasure to receive Your Ldp's Lett^r
 dated the 30th of Augst last I now do myself the honour to
 acknowledge the favour & to assure Your Ldp that nothing
 could give me so much Satisfaction as to know that my Con- p. 59
 duct since I have been honoured with Your Ldp's Commission
 hath met with Your Approbation. The Assembly at present
 stands prorogued to the 11th of next month if they should
 meet at that time I shall communicate to the Gentlemen of the
 Upper House Your Ldp's pleasure relative to a Naturaliza-
 tion Act & I will at the same time acquaint them with what
 Your Ldp is pleased to say concerning the Proposal for Di-
 viding the Parish of All Saints in Frederick County. but if I
 should not receive any Instructions from the Secretary of
 State requiring me to convene the Assembly this Spring &
 nothing extraordinary should happen to make their Meeting
 so soon necessary I am apt to think that the Gentlemen of the
 Council will be averse to having another Session before the
 latter End of the ensuing Summer. The Parishes of All Hal-
 lows & Westminster in this County (both of them very small
 ones) having become vacant a few Days ago by the Death of
 the Rev^d M^r Spencer & M^r Chalmers I propose to induct into
 the former the Rev^d M^r Philip Walker agreeable to the In-
 structions I sometime ago received from Your Ldp in favour
 of that Gentlemen; & if Your Ldp approves thereof I will
 present to the other either the Rev^d M^r Foulis or M^r Berkley
 both of whom come extreemly well recommended. The Ex-
 portation of Tob^o having been very small last Year the Impost
 of One Shilling a Hhd did not amount to the Sum of £1000
 but the last Crop having been a very large one the Amount
 of the Duty this Year will I expect make ample Amends for
 the last years Deficiency. It is my Ld with a very singular p. 60
 pleasure that I now congratulate Your Ldp on the glorious
 Successes with which it pleased God to bless His Majesty's