

opinion ; since the Articles are to be carried into Execution I <sup>Letter Bk.IV</sup> most heartily wish the Lines were run for indeed these Meetings are not a little irksome & there is not I am apt to think a Commissioner on either Side who is not quite tired of the Business. His Lordships Share of the Expences that have already accrued amounts I believe to £2000 Currency, whence you may guess what the Expence must amount to should all the Lines be run in the same manner. The Wages of People hired to clear Vistoes, to range the Plumb Lines, carry the Measuring Chain, to cook for the Labourers, drive the Waggon &c amounts to a great Sum, Add to this the Wages of Surveyors & a Commissary of Stores or Steward the Cost of Provision & Forrage, then the Commissioners taking such frequent Journies, crossing the Bay with Horses &c. & spending so much time at Newcastle in a publick House, is no light Expence, tho with respect to that Matter we have been as frugal as possible, & if we must proceed His Ldp may depend that we shall act with as much Oeconomy as the manner of carrying on the Operations will admit. Imagining that you are already tired with what I have wrote on this Subject I now quit it to inform you that by the last Post from New York I received a Letter from the Earl of Egremont wherein he hath been pleased in more precise Terms than usual to signify His Majesty's Displeasure at the late Conduct & proceedings of our Lower House of Assembly. Thinking it my Duty to acquaint His Ldp with the Contents of this Letter I have taken the Liberty to transmit you a Copy to be laid before him. Should I be required to convene the Assembly again I shall not fail to communicate to them the Contents of it, tho they may perhaps still insist that for want of their having an Agent in London the Secretary of State must necessarily be a Stranger to their Proceedings. But whatever Effect it may have on them it is no small Satisfaction to me to know that His Majesty is pleased to entertain a favourable Opinion of my Zeal & Endeavours to promote his Service. I am &c.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Letter Bk.IV

To Lord Baltimore.  
transmitted by Capt.

Annapolis 25<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1762.

My Ld.

In a Letter I did myself the honour to address to your Ldp the 21<sup>st</sup> of June last I advised Your Ldp of my having Ship't in the Susanna Capt Arbuckle a Pipe of Madeira Wine & some Hams agreeable to Your Ldp's Desire signified to me by M<sup>r</sup> Calvert, but tho the Vessel immediately afterwards fell down to Hampton in Virginia the Master expecting to sail