

America by His Appointment of his Lordship Commander in Chief of all His Forces there. His Lordship's real Merit is so well known and acknowledg'd as needs no Illustration. My Desire is, and seriously require of you My Lieut Governor, That you do not fail in Obedience of His Majesty's Commission to his Lordship and to the Importance and Service thereof, And that you in every thing with Fidelity will render your Self and incite the Legislature of Assembly in the Province to give all Aid and Supply requisite, and to require the Magistrates and officers Military, as well as all other Persons strictly by Duty and Allegiance to His Majesty to conform themselves with Service; That his Lordship thereby may be enabled to carry on with Vigour His Majesty's Service against the Common Enemy the Invaders of His Majesty's Crown and Dignity. wishing you health and happiness I am with Esteem

Your affectionate Friend  
Baltimore

Post<sup>t</sup> An Act of Parliament being passed—To enable His Majesty to grant Commissions to Foreign officers to Rank in America, and to raise Four Thousand men there for the defence of the Colonies; And being sensible of the great Utility and Advantage that must Accrue by such a Force. I therefore desire you'll Exert your Self in the Inlisting of the Force under the Command of his Lordship.

To Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieut Governor of Maryland.

[Calvert to Sharpe. Fragment.]

Original.

London March the 9<sup>th</sup> 1756.

Sir./

Last January the 6<sup>th</sup> I received a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Pownall Secretary to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, The Contents of which was viz<sup>t</sup> "He being by their Lordships Comanded to prepare for their Consideration the most exact Account he could Collect from the Information of the Persons for the several Colonies in North America and from the Acts and Proceedings of the Legislature of the said Colonies, of the number of men raised and of the Sums of money granted to His Majesty and Issued in each Colony since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1755 for repelling any Invasion or removing of any Encroachments made upon His Majesty's Dominions; He desired I would meet him at the office and bring with me such Papers as might give Lights with Respect to these Points.

In Answer to the Letter I delivered into the Board the Lords Commissioners present the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. viz<sup>t</sup>