

As I am confident the Letter was designed for some other person I having never wrote to you on the Date mentioned by you, nor having the least knowledge of the Gentleman who is the Subject of it, I have returned it to you to prevent any Disappointment w^{ch} might happen on your supposing you had sent your Letter as you design'd. The only thing that stagger'd me was, I have mentioned those papers of S^r Isaac Newton, in a Letter I have taken the Liberty to write to you by the Rev^d Mr. Burnaby begging the Favour of you to show him countenance as he passes thro' your province in his way to England

I am wth great Esteem, S^r
y^r most obed^t hum. Serv^t

To Governor Sharpe

Fran: Fauquier

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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Belair in Prince Georges County the 7th July 1760. trans-
mitted by Capt Garnett.

Sir

You cannot easily conceive how great was my Surprize & Concern at Reading the Beginning of your Letter dated the 17th of March wherein you seemed to intimate that notwithstanding what His Ldp was pleased to write to me the 8th of Ian^y last signifying his Approbation of my Conduct) in your opinion scarcely one End of Govern^t had been answered, & that it seemed to you extreemly easy with the several Advantages this Govern^t has in itself to prevent such a turbulent & malevolent Spirit in the Lower House of Assembly as hath lately appeared there; however my Uneasiness was a good deal diminished when I had perused the whole Letter & perceived that the above was not so much Your Opinion as an Introduction to a Scheme which some Person here over zealous perhaps to serve His Ldp had thought fit to Communicate to you but which I am satisfied is in a great measure impracticable. Before I enter on a Disquisition of & give you my Sentiments at large upon the Plan which you have submitted to my Consideration, I must take the Liberty to say Something in Answer to that part of Your Letter wherein you speak of the Council & of the Qualifications without which no Person ought to be recommended to a Seat at that Board. p. 108
That His Ldp's Right of nominating the members of the Council ought not to be considered as a Feather wherewith to tickle the Vanity of any One must be undoubtedly admitted; that Board as you observe is or ought to be the Chief Strength & Support not only of His Ldp's Rights but of the whole Frame of Government & the greatest Care should therefore