

Letter Bk. III persuaded be very alert & ready to render you any Service in his power & to obey as far as possible any orders he might receive for that purpose. As I some time ago sent Colonel Prather Instructions to order out any of the Militia under his Command for the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants in case the Indians should make an Incursion into this Province & he has several times ordered Parties out when the Accounts brought him have made him think such a Step expedient I flatter myself he will still continue to do so on similar occasions. I am sorry Sir it is not in my power to return a more satisfactory answer to your Letter & to promise you effectual Assistance should you stand in need of it, for besides a most earnest Desire to promote His Majesty's Service I have such a particular Regard for yourself as would make me embrace with pleasure every opportunity of doing any thing you could desire & am with great Respect D^r Colonel, yrs.

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Copy of the 128th Letter to M^r Calvert Dated Annapolis 8th
May 1764 transmitted by Captain Ritchie.

Sir

The Vessel which I mentioned in my Letter dated the 13th of March being now about to sail I embrace the Opportunity to transmit Duplicates of the Acts that were passed last Session & also Copies of the Journals of the Proceedings in both Houses by which I think you will observe that altho some pretty warm Messages past between them towards the End of the Session on Occasion of the College Bill the Journal & Ordinary Lycences they both behaved towards me with great Respect & that more Business was dispatched at that Meeting than had been done for many years past. As I have already apprized you of what I expect will happen on Account of those Lycence Fines I shall not trouble you again on that Subject but if His Lordship & you both make a Point of securing them it is methinks a little extraordinary that your Deputy here should by his Conduct & Declarations shew that he is for Appropriating them in some shape or other to the use & particular advantage of the People, the Consequence of which Behaviour must be the making those of the Council who behave differently very obnoxious to the Inhabitants of the Province. It is with pleasure I inform you that our Frontier Inhabitants still remain undisturbed & quiet & that the Accounts lately brought from the northward afford us great Room to hope a general Peace with all the Indians will by S^r William Johnsons Endeavours be soon established or that if some of the Shawanese & Delawares should be averse to such