

Royall Line, and that your Reign over us may be long & prosperous,
all which we humbly Offer unto your Maj^{ty} by the hands of yo^r
most Loyall Subj:cl, and our gracious Lord and Prop^r the R.
Hon^{ble} Charles Lord Baltimore; By whom also we most humbly
Implore your Maj^{ty} grac and favour to him in that Station
over us, wherin your most Royall Provic^{ion} so^{ve} have thought
fitt to place him, and under whom we so happily live —

Maryland July 21th 1685.

Letter to
Effingham

Your Excell^{ty}s Letter of the 26th of June last (which we
Lord Cad, has now at length pass'd our due consideration
and should have had a more speedy answer, had not the great
distance we are at, otherwise indispens^{ible}, which we hope will
obtain our excuse with you. —

Our Letter by accident arriv^{ing} your Excell^{ty}s hands (as is
intimated) affords us not only occasion of trouble, but of
wonder also, since the most effectuall care for its speedy and
safe conveyance (in our opinion) was taken, in delivering the
same to Cap^t Thomas Smith at St. Marks, who engag'd with
all diligent care and speed to deliver it with his own hands
to the Ship for a sure and quick passage to your Excell^{ty}.

In answer of your Excell^{ty}s last Letter, being a continuance
of your demands of Coll Talbot, we have a ready answer,
and therein given our full refusal, which we desire you will
please accordingly to accept of, as such from whence we cannot
at present recede, out of a due sense of our obligac^{ion} to
the Maj^{ty} our Duty whereto, and as we are

Your
Excell^{ty}s most humble Serv^{ant}

—