

Appointment to meet the 10th of next Month. I must by the favour of
your L^{dy} let it be signified to me whether you will have any Com-
mands for me at this Place after the fifth of next Month that if it
may not be certain of returning to Annapolis on that Day at farthest
I might send timely Orders to have the Assembly prorogued to a longer
Term

To Doctor Greg. Sharpe. Phila.^{ty} 26 Feb. 4 1757

De^r B^r

As no other Opportunity of Conveyance will probably offer for
some time I shall send this by the first Packett that might be
dispatched from N York to let you know that the Letter which you
sent from Bristol in Oct. last reached me before West Maryland but not
before our last Vessels were sailed for London. The Ship by which you
sent it fell into the hands of an Enemy but the Master was afterwards
suffered to ransom her & proceed on his Voyage, otherwise I should not till I
arrived here have been shocked with the News of my Brothers Death nor
before this time have felt what I have thereupon already suffered. The
Loss to me is grievous & irreparable but since I am persuaded that I have
no reason to lament on his Account, I will not repine at this Act of Provi-
dence on my own, but rather be grateful for the Friends that survive to me
& think myself sufficiently happy in not being yet destitute of Brothers
that are truly intitled to that Appellation. It gives me great Satisfaction
to learn that Brother Will^m enjoys better health than he had lately done
& that you are also well, for this Information I thank you & desire nothing
more than that you may continue to send me the same Account. It is
now almost a Twelve months since I received any Letters from England except
that of yours & a short one of little Consequence from M^r Calvert this
I mention lest any of Brother Williams or your own should have been