

Letter Bk. IV the first Day of May meet at the place where they left off & proceed in the Work they begun last Fall. It is rumoured that some of the Regular Troops on this Continent are about to embark at N Y for Martinico but Some are of opinion that the Expedition is only destined against New Orleans & the Mississippi Settlements. I am &c.

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis 30th April 1761. transmitted by Capt Rothery, Duplicate by Capt Walker. Trip^d by
Sir

In my Letters of the 19th & 20th Inst I intimated to His Ldp & Yourself my Apprehensions that the Lower House would not join with me & the members of the Upper in an Address of Condolance & Congratulation to our most gracious Sovereign unless we would suffer them to add a Clause reflecting on the Upper House for rejecting the Assessment Bill & the Bill which they have at times offered for the Support of an Agent, as we could never think of countenancing such a proposal & those who compose a Majority in the Lower House seemed determined to make a Point of it the Gentlemen of the Upper House & Myself have now transmitted a seperate Address to His sacred Majesty & another to the Ld prry begging the favour of him to present it, The Assessment Bill having been again rejected I should now prorogue the Assembly had the Committee of both Houses which hath been appointed to examine into the proceedings of the Commissioners of the Loan Office & other publick Accounts made their Report. I am.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

Annapolis the 2^d of May 1761.

Sir

I am sorry to inform Your Excellency that notwithstanding the Professions they made at the Beginning of the Session of their readiness to comply with His Majesty's Requisition signified to them by M^r Secretary Pitts Letter the Majority of our Lower House of Assembly would not be prevailed on to send up any other Supply Bill besides that which had been already rejected eight times by the Upper House it being in their opinion & indeed in the opinion of M^r Pratt His Majesty's Attorney Gen^l an unconstitutional & unequitable one & such as ought not to be passed into a Law, & as the Lower House Resolved last night that they will not grant Supplies by any other Bill whatever I dispatch this to advise Your Excellency