

Letter Bk. I. Mr Thomas's hopes should be answered wth some Recompence for the Expence he has been at in supporting his Action & thereby His Ldps Title—I am sorry the Laws are not yet transcribed because it gives you some uneasiness. You must be sensible it required no small Labour or short time to examine all the Records since the year 1704 (when a general repealing Law passed) & to be careful to reject all the Laws which had been repealed by subsequent Acts. This I undertook to do myself & having accurately gone thro the Records & noted the Titles of such as remain in force I delivered my notes to the Copyists who are now transcribing without Relaxation & I hope my Care in this Affair when I transmit the Laws in two or 3 Volumes will meet with His Ldps & Your Approbation.

You are pleased in your favour by Mr Rosse to recommend Mr Nichols to the Sheveralty of Queen Ann C^{ty}, about 4 months ago I commissioned one Mr Hopper a Gentⁿ who had behaved very well in the Assembly & was earnestly recommended to that Office but I have entered Mr Nichols in my Mem^m Book as his next Successor. I have inclosed my speech to both Houses at the Opening of this Session also their respective Addresses in Answer & my Replies. The Lower House proceeded to vote the Sum of £10,000. for the Service, to be raised much after the same manner as the £7000. was proposed to be by the Bill printed in the last Journal of the Lower House proceedings, the Bill was returned them with a Negative & Reasons for the Upper Houses's Refusal, I learn the House of Delegates have resolved to send it up again with Answers to those Reasons & Arguments to support the Bill, this is all that has yet been done & I am indeed apprehensive that the Issue of this will not be very unlike that of the late Session. As the short Notice that was given me of this Ships being about to sail has not afforded me time to be so prolix as I could have wished I hope you will excuse me for not repeating to you what I have taken the Liberty to write to his Ldp concerning the Military Affairs & Occurrences that have happened since my last which you would not think perhaps very interesting or important had I given a Detail of them. Something on that Subject you may expect in my next in the Interim you will believe that I am with the greatest Respect Y^r most obliged &c.

March the 12th 1755.

Sir

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Y^r favour dated the 12th of December, for the Confidence you