

Letter Bk. I. province. Gover^r Dinwiddie proposes to keep on foot 9 Companies each consisting of the same Number but I am doubtful he will be not a little streightened for Money to pay them notwithstanding the £10000 sent him from home in October with Liberty to draw Bills for as much more—The frequent Mis-carriages of Letters that are sent hence to England by the p. 117 Way of Phila^a makes me decline writing very particularly by this Vessel especially as I shall send a packett by that which is about to sail from Potuxent

I am with the greatest Respect Sir./

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

19th April transmitted by Capt.

Sir

By my Letter of the 10th Inst. I intimated to you what had been the Issue & Result of our Assembly's last Meeting which you will be more particularly acquainted with from a perusal of the Journals of the proceedings of both Houses which I herewith transmit together with a Copy of the Bill sent to the Upper House under the Title of an Act for His Majesty's Service. You will easily perceive that a great Majority of the Delegates came with a fixed Resolution to grant no money but after the manner that had been refused by the Upper House the preceeding Session & from this Resolution I have little hopes of seeing them recede when I meet them again which the General & M^r Shirley seem to insist on my doing next Month at which time the respective Assemblies of Carolina's Virg^a & Pens^a will also be convened & once more sollicitated & importuned for Supplies. You will observe after what manner the Lower House express themselves on the Ordinary Lycences both in their Messages to the Upper House & their two Addresses to me of which I proposed to take some notice to them in the prorogueing Speech that I had prepared but the Gentⁿ of the Council thought it more adviseable for me to dismiss them without any Speech at all. Their Address in Answer to my message on the Receipt of His Ldp's Instructions will shew you with what Temper they received his Ldp's Determination concerning the Inspection Law which Obstinacy of the Lower House put the Gentⁿ of the Council on preparing an Address to His Ldp relative to that Law which in Compliance with their Request I have inclosed in my Lett^r to his Ldp but s^d His Ldp remain still determined to dissent to the Act I must beg the favour of you to send me particular Instructions what sort of proclamation I must issue for regulating Officers Fees & what Reward shall be ordained for each particular