

Lower
House
Journal,
1750-54

With all prudent Expedition, but I dread their being there so soon as I formerly Wrote you, but I hope they Will be Early in April and should be Glad Your Forces could be there at the Same Time.

I have Wrote to the Cherokees and Catawbas Nations of Indians to the Southw^d of this, Who some months ago offered a Body of a 1000 of their Warriors to go to the Ohio. I have by Express ordered their Marching to the Ohio to defend their Hunting Grounds and that they should be Supported by Forces from this which if they Comply with, I am in hopes we shall make some Figure there.

I have Thirty Cannon from the Crown, Ten whereof I have ordered out to be mounted on the ffort to be erected on the Ohio. In May next I shall proceed to Winchester to meet the Chiefs of Several Nations of Indians and to deliver them a present from his Majesty.

If I can be of any Service to you or the Colony (happy) under your Command, I shall chearfully Receive your Directions and am With great Sincerity

The Inclosed Proc^l
will be General to all
the fforces.

your Excell^{ys}
most obedient H^{ble} Serv^t
Rob^t Dinwiddie

Original.

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

London March 23^d 1754

Dear Sir/

I have but time by the Bearer M^r Iaque's to acknowledge the Arrival of your Letters, Papers, & the Addresses of Assembly &c. To all which you will receive Answers as soon as possible. The Deficiency of your Answer To the Earl of Holdernesse Secretary of State's Letter to you, inclosing none to My Lord nor me makes it awkward how to attend him; To amend which you must make a Return to the Secretary under a loose Seal to My Lord, in reference to His Majesty's Commands; Besides your Copy of Message in Consequence of the Secretary's Letter laid by you before the Lower House of Assembly having neither Date nor your Name to it, The Proprietor can't produce it—The last Paragraph in the Reply of the Lower House to your Message, Sign'd P. Hammond Speaker, Equivocally denys the Law of 1704 i. e. The 12^d p Hogshead for the Support of Government, yet offers at a Deduction of three pence p Hogshead out of the 12^d for Arms & Ammunition, no ways warranted by the Tenor of the Law of 1704; But under frivolous Pretence that of Queen Anne's, which bears no proportion now, the Tobacco Hogshead greatly exceeding in Gauge at this time, than at the time when Her