

Letter Bk. III making them ashamed of their Behaviour & of rendering them odious to their own Constituents. My Journey to Fort Cumberland last Summer & in the Winter to New York where I was obliged to wait for & attend General Shirley near two Months put me to about £150 Expence for which I shall never receive more than thanks at most, to this let there be added what the Frequency & Length of our Sessions of Assembly & the Number of Military Officers who call on me lay me under a necessity of expending together with part of my House Rent & also the £250 which I am annually to pay Mr Calvert for his Correspondence & deduct the whole out of my yearly Salary & Perquisites which amount to about £1400. The Remainder is for the Support of the Honour & Dignity of His Ldp's Governor & for him to lay by against a future Day. I think I have already hinted to you that I am not permitted to dispose of any of the most honourable or Lucrative Offices because another Person loves to have all Applications made to himself, this perhaps is of itself sufficient to lessen the Weight & Influence that a Governor would otherwise have but as it has been thought proper of late to saddle those Offices with about £550 p Ann. & I am charged with the Care of making the most advantageous Bargains I submit to your own Judgment whether it is possible for a Person in my situation to continue always popular. Any Body that can get introduced to Mr Calvert is sure to bring me an open Lett^r desiring I will appoint him to this or that or the first vacant Office should I have any Objection to the Person so introduced & recommended to me or for any other reason neglect to comply with the Terms of such Letter, that Man thinks himself hardly dealt by & immediately commences my Enemy. It has been the Policy of my Predecessors always to have three or four Gentlemen of Abilities in His Ldp's Council & the Rule was a good one, such three or four gave the whole Board Weight & made the Lower House more cautious how they attacked a Superiour Branch of the Legislature. Since my Arrival I have had the Misfortune to lose Jennings & two other Gentⁿ of very good Abilities from that Board whereby it is exceedingly reduced tho those Accidents have made no more than three Seats vacant. to fill the first I recommended the Son of one of those deceased a Gentⁿ in my Opinion of the best natural & acquired Abilities of any in the Province & therefore a more desirable Friend & more formidable Enemy. His Services while in the Lower House supported my Recommendation, but my repeated Applications in his favour for what Cause I know not have hitherto proved ineffectual & instead of him am I ordered to put into the Council a Person whose Merit & Qualifications are to me all invisible unless I am to reckon as such an easy Dis-