

to me the Lett^r from M^r Calvert as well as those from the Sec-^{Letter Bk. III}retary of State the first I see was writ principally to introduce me to Yourself in case I should have an Opportunity of paying my Respects to you in person & of convincing you that Lord Baltimores pleasure therein signified is most agreeable to my own Inclinations. By one of the Letters from M^r Fox I am directed to prepare & transmit to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in N America an exact & particular Acco^t of the present Condition of this Province, the number of our Inhabitants, quantity of Cannon small Arms Ammunition & other Ordnance Stores in our Magazine or in the hands of the Militia together with a true State of all Places already fortified or which I might judge necessary to be fortified in this Province & as I cannot well give a more particular Account of these Matters than I have already done to the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lds of Trade I will take the Liberty to inclose you a Copy of my Lett^r to their Ldps in Feb^y last since which time no material Alteration has been made in the Condition or Circumstances of this Province.—In a Letter which I did myself the honour to address to the Earl of Loudon the 31st of May I informed His Ldp that a Sum of Money had been granted by our Assembly for supporting a Body of Men if it should be thought proper for carrying on an Expedition to the Westward I now inclose an Extract of the Act that grants such money whereby you will see that tho it is made payable to any Gentⁿ that shall be appointed to command on such Expedition yet our Treasurers are not at liberty to pay it till the Pensilvanians as well as the Virginians have granted proportionable Supplies for the same purpose. If His Ldp on His Arrival or the Commander in Chief shall think proper to have the money otherwise applied I hope to receive their Commands that I might be able to communicate them in time to our Assembly which I must convene for that purpose. As they thought proper at their last Meeting to appropriate a particular Sum for constructing some places of Defence on our Frontiers & raising 200 men for the immediate protection of the Inhabitants, I am agreeable to their Desire come hither to give the necessary Orders for building such places; in about a month I beleive I shall return again to Annapolis where I shall be always proud to receive any Commands from His Ldp or yourself & on all Occasions endeavour to shew that I am &c.

[Lawrence to Sharpe.]

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Sir

I am well informed that many of the French Inhabitants transported last year from this Province, and distributed among the