

composed of the Iustices of Peace or simple Magistrates have by some means or other been nominated to sit as Iudges in a Superiour Court of Judicature which I beg leave to submit to your Ldps Consideration I have taken the Liberty to inclose to your Ldp the Copy of a Letter I lately received from the Rector of Coventry Parish in Somerset County a Person of a most abandoned & prostituted Life & Character, which I apprehend He was incited to write to me by my refusal to grant him a Nolo Prosequi to prevent his being punished according to Law for marrying Persons without Lycence. Your Ldp will perceive what Sentiments he entertains of any superiour Authority but if your Ldp should be pleased to take any Steps for his Suspension or removal the whole Parish will gladly transmit me Attestations of his notorious immoral Behaviour by which He has forfeited not only the Character of a Clergyman but even of a Christian I am &c.

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

6 June 1754. transmitted by Doctor Thornton in Capt. Rawlins.

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I have taken this Opportunity of transmitting in Obedience to his Ldp's Instructions Duplicates of all the Laws enacted at the Conclusion of the October Session & have also inclosed to you an Abridgment of all the Proceedings of both Houses of Assembly from the year 1661 that relate to the Disposition of the fines & forfeitures arising from the Lycencing Ordinaries, upon which Article I desired you in my last to favour me with his Ldp's or your farther Instructions.

I have been obliged again to prorogue our Assembly till July next without having obtained the Ends for which they were convened: with some difficulty were they prevailed on to provide for the Comm^{rs} & for a Present to be delivered the Six Nations at the approaching Interview at Albany; but so insuperably indifferent or perverse were they with respect to the other Service recommended to them in my Speech that all they consulted was how to save Appearances & seem to be disposed to encourage that important Enterprize. for this purpose a Bill was prepared & sent to the upper House under the Title of an Act for His Majesty's Service whereby the Sum of £3000 was to be granted for the Support of the neighbouring Colonies against any hostile Troops that shall attack or invade His Majestys Territories on this Continent, amongst other means for repaying the said £3000 was inserted the old Clause respecting Hawkers & Pedlars from a Title of which as they were found resolutely determined not to recede. The Bill was

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