

Letter Bk. II. Directions; in this I hope I have punctually fulfilled your Honours Intentions as I shall always take the greatest pleasure in doing whenever you may be pleased to signify them to Your Honours &c.

Letter Bk. I.
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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

8th Augst 1754 transmitted by Capt Castleton.

Sir

In obedience to your Directions by M^r Jaques I herewith inclose an Answer to the Letter that I received from the Earl of Holderness but having learnt that His Ldp has since re-
 p. 60 signed the Office of Secretary, I could not direct it, but if His Ldp pleases to present it to his Successor in the Office I must beg the favour of you to get it properly superscribed. I have also by way of Answer writ to the Comm^{rs} of Trade submitting it to his Ldp's pleasure to deliver the Letter or not. Your Observation on the latter part of the Assembly's Address in Answer to my Message with the Earl of Holdernesses Letter & your Reasoning with respect to the Law of 12^l p Hhd is certainly well grounded, but as no good End could have been answered by my engaging at that time in a Dispute which would probably have attended my sending a different Sort of answer to their Address I hope neither His Ldp nor you are displeas'd at my declining it. The truth was, they were very averse to closing with my Recommendation to them to raise a Fund for Arms, & not knowing how to dissent openly from my Proposal they agreed to excuse themselves by modelling such an Answer as you saw but if they should ever seriously insist on the Deduction from the 12^d there mentioned which I do not think they will: I will undertake to argue the matter with them & you may be assured will never make the least Concessions in Prejudice of his Ldps Rights or Pretensions.

It really gives me some Concern to find by your favour bearing Date 17th April that the Merch^{ts} pretend they have cause to complain against the Legislature of this Province for enacting the Supplementary Act to the Act entituled an Act
 p. 61 for the Relief of Creditors in England &c for I conceive that this Act cannot controul restrain or in any respect affect the Operation of the Statutes, which it is insinuated to be repugnant to. This Act of Assembly provides only that no Assignment made by any Person or Persons trading to this province shall be of any Force until the Person to whom the assignment shall be made do give Security to pay all the Debts of the Assignor to the people of this Province, so that no other assignment can be affected by the Act than such as shall be made by