

Letter Bk. III Calvert & a small Box that is directed for Brother William. My Letter dated the 21st of Dec^r informed you that our Assembly had broke up without having granted any Supplies for the farther Support of our Troops or for any other purpose whatever. You must know that the Earl of Loudoun by a Letter which I laid before the Lower House about the middle of Nov^r demanded & insisted that we should continue to support the 500 Men w^{ch} were paid by this province last Summer & also that the said men should be left entirely to his Direction Disposition or Command; This Demand the Gentⁿ of the Lower House would not be persuaded to comply with in any respect whatever, on the contrary they prepared a Bill for reducing our Forces to 300 men immediately & restrained the Service of those in such a manner as not only to prevent their being ordered to Fort Cumberland but also to prevent their marching beyond the north mountain on any Account whatever. for your better Information I send you an Extract of their curious Bill & likewise the Reasons that the Gentⁿ of the Lower House have given the Earl of Loudoun for declining or refusing to comply with his Requisition, every one of which you will I am satisfied at first view be able to answer & invalidate. Having not as yet received any Letter from the Earl of Loudoun since the Assembly was prorogued I cannot tell you for certain what Steps will be taken for the Preservation of Fort Cumberland & security of our Frontier Inhabitants, but I have ordered four Companies of Militia to hold themselves in readiness, & if the Earl of Loudoun approves thereof I shall oblige them to march to Fort Frederick immediately on my Receipt of His Ldp's Commands &c.

Original.

[Calvert to Sharpe.]

London Ian^y 12th 1758

Sir

It is a Concern to understand by y^{rs} the 9th of Nov^r the proceedings of the Assembly to a Supply Bill for His Majesty's Service is tardy, of which you hint'd in y^{rs} the 6th of Oct^r on opening the Sessions the 28th of Aug^t last. The Rudity of their propositions for Protection of the Inhabitans, contain such exceptionable Clauses as bear a certain Negative. However, His Lord^p hopes & trusts they'l improve e'r the conclusion of the Session, & that they will manifest their Duty to His Majesty & to themselves; Opposition only ruffling as may happen at the first meeting of a New Assembly.

Here is a Complaint offer'd ag^t M^r Bordley Atto^y Gen^l & Naval Officer at Annapolis. That in execution as Naval Officer on Persons Bonded for ships loaded with Effects, the