

Letter Bk. III will pass the Bill which they have so often refused & concerning which I took the Liberty to write to you in former Letters.

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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 28th of Novem^r 1758. transmitted by M^r Galloway.

Sir

On the 4th of this Month being the Day after I last wrote to you the Mayor & Aldermen of this City presented a Petition to me wherein they represented to me as you will see by the inclosed Copy of it that the Lower House of Assembly (in order as it should seem to turn Doctor Steuart out of their House) had Resolved that no Alderman of Annapolis had a Right by the Charter to Vote at the Election of Representatives for the said City, upon my laying the Petition before the Gentlemen of the Council they were unanimously of Opinion that I ought to signify my Displeasure at such extraordinary & unwarrantable Proceedings by proroguing the Assembly for three Days & at the Expiration of that time they advised me to prorogue them again to the 20th Inst, As I was unwilling to enter into a Dispute with them at this time, especially about their Right to judge of the Elections of their own Members, I made but a very short Speech to them when I met them again & avoided every thing that might possibly have given offence, As they have not yet resumed the Consideration of M^r Woodwards Petition Doctor Steuart continues still in the House & I am told that many of the Members who were for disqualifying the Aldermen from Voting have now altered their Opinion, Since they last met they have sent a Bill to the Upper House for reviving & continuing the Inspection Law five Years longer which I am apt to think the Upper House will pass but there were not enough Members in Town before this Afternoon to take it under Consideration. I understand that the Gentlⁿ of the Lower House have this Day passed a Vote for complying with what General Forbes asks of Us in his Letter of the 22^d of last Month so far as to support 300 Men during the Winter but I am at the same time told that the Service of these Men is to be restrained to Fort Frederick a most absurd Proposal, & that no Money is to be yet raised unless the Gentlemen of the Upper House will agree to the Mode of Taxation to which they have so often signified their Aversion.

According to the latest Advices that have been received from the Westward General Forbes reached the Post at Loyalhannon with the Rear of his Army the 2^d of this Month.