

Letter Bk. IV Ldp may see if you shall be pleased to peruse the Copy of it
 p. 25 which you will herewith receive, but the Gentⁿ of the Lower
 House refused to pass it without many Amendments & these
 the Upper House would not agree to, being of Opinion that
 the Bill as it was first drawn was severe enough & sufficient
 to answer every good End that could be desired by any Prot-
 estants who delighted not in Persecution. The Step which
 the Gentⁿ of the Upper House had taken in proposing such a
 Bill, added to the Report which the Iustices had made had
 this Effect however that it quieted the minds of the People &
 silenced those who had endeavoured to inflame & terrify
 them. I have since ordered another Circular Letter to be
 wrote & sent to the Justices desiring them to enquire again
 & inform me how the Roman Catholicks in the several
 Counties have behaved since they the Justices made their last
 Report, in a Packet marked N^o 2 I shall transmit Your Ldp
 Copies of all their Answers which will I am apt to think incline
 Your Ldp to believe that the Roman Catholicks who are
 among us continue to behave as behoves good Subjects &
 upon the Whole My Ld I must say that if I was asked whether
 the Conduct of the Protestants or Papists in this Province hath
 been most unexceptionable since I have had the honour to
 serve Your Ldp I should not hesitate to give an Answer in
 favour of the Latter.

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Forbes.]

Annapolis the 30th of Decem^r 1758.

Sir

Col^o Dagworthy having intimated to me that he intends to
 repair immediately to Head Quarters to receive Your farther
 Commands, I embrace the Opportunity to congratulate Your
 Excellency on the Success of His Majestys Forces under Your
 Command & to inform you that a few Days before Col^o Dag-
 worthy arrived here with the most agreeable News of your
 Excellencys having forced the French to abandon Fort Du
 Quesne & the Ohio Country, our Lower House of Assembly
 had prepared a Bill for repaying as they said the Money
 which Your Excellency & M^r Kilby were pleased to advance
 last Summer on the Credit of the Province for paying off all
 the Arrears that should be due to the Maryland Troops at the
 End of the Campaign & for supporting three Companies of
 them during the winter I am sorry however to inform Your
 Excellency that the Gentⁿ took Care to frame their Bill in
 such a manner as they knew would not be agreed to by the
 Upper House it being almost in every respect the same that
 had been offered by them three times before & had been as