

Letter Bk. IV so much Weight as to incline them to pursue reasonable measures & undeceive their Constituents who have been hitherto imposed on & by false Stories propagatd at seasonable times been made to believe that Your Ldp was really averse to any Persons being made acquainted with the Reason that no Supplies have been lately granted here for the King's Service or the immediate Defence of the Province. As it is now more than two months since I sent M^r Calvert Authenticated Copies of the two Acts of Assembly that were made in 1651 & 1661, Your Ldp has I hope before this time received them but lest that Vessel should have been lost I shall by a Gentleman that intends to take his Passage from Phila^a for London very shortly transmit other Copies of those Acts that if Your Ldp pleases to submit them for M^r Pratt's Opinion concerning the Propriety or Reasonableness of Your Ldp's Quit Rents being taxed nothing may be wanting that I can furnish for his Information. I flatter myself Your Ldp has long ago received the Letter I took the Liberty to address to you the 16th of Decem^r last together with the Copies of Letters which I had received from the several County Courts relative to & in Commendation of the Behaviour of the Roman Catholicks in the several Parts of the Province, I hope likewise that Your Ldp is convinced by what has passed between me & the Lower House at several times when they have discovered an earnest Desire to persecute those people that as well in Obedience to Your Ldp's Commands as in Compliance with the Dictates of my own Conscience I was determined to oppose their unjust Attempts & Your Ldp may depend & be assured that unless the Roman Catholicks shall hereafter give very sufficient Cause I will not assent to any Act which any of them may judge severe or unreasonably partial with respect to Persons of their Religious Persuasion. It gives me great pleasure that I can inform Your Ldp that most of the Troops w^{ch} were to be employed this Summer on the Ohio have reached Pittsburg or are far advanced on their March thither, that a considerable quantity of Provisions has been at length carried to that Post, & that according to the last Accounts from that Quarter there is great reason to hope that all the Tribes of Indians which were lately so formidable & troublesome to the Frontier Inhabitants of these three Provinces are inclined to make a League with Us & by trading henceforward with none but the English to make up in some measure for the Expence that they have put us to since they thought fit to commence Hostilities. As the Packet by which I propose to transmit this will not probably sail before the Fate of Ticonderoga & Crown Point is determined any Account I can send of the late Situation or Motions of His Majesty's Forces in

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