

Letter Bk. III might seriously reflect on them but indeed as you observe he does not seem trouble himself much about the Affairs of the Province, nor has M^r Calvert pursued any regular Plan or left me Power to do so, many Places of considerable Trust & Profit have been disposed of contrary to my Desire or at least without my Knowledge or Consent at one time some particular Person is to be served in an extraordinary manner & must be refused nothing that he shall ask for & perhaps the next Letter shall tell me that such Person is neither thought worthy of favour nor capable of Doing His Ldp or his Govern^t the least Service, by which management it has been brought about that several if not most of His Ldp's principal Officers have little Respect for him or Regard for M^r Calvert who nevertheless is fond of corresponding with & thereby laying himself open to All of them while at the same time he seems very averse to my writing to any one besides himself concerning the Affairs of the Province. You tell me that M^r Hamersly is M^r Calvert's great Friend & Adviser & that therefore it would not be improper for me now & then to write him a civil Letter, while M^r Calvert in a Lett^r which I have just received from him dated the 30th of March last says "I suspect, I know not, if M^r Hamersly has set up Correspondent with you, if he has have a Care how you Commune with him, he's not your Friend, the less you mention of him the better, I have quieted Your Adversaries here," In these Circumstances would you advise me to write to M^r Hemersly or not? I am apt to think that my Doing so will increase M^r Calvert's Jealousy which I suppose must have taken its Rise from M^r Hamersly's having drawn up a Letter which my Ld lately sent me with Attorney Gen^l Pratt's Opinion upon the Dispute which has for some time subsisted between our two Houses of Assembly concerning the Supply or Assesment Bill which the Upper House have so often refused to pass. M^r Pratt's opinion seems to justify their Proceedings & might perhaps if I should be ordered again to sollicit Supplies have some Weight with our Lower House & incline them to pursue different Measures from those which have for some time past given me so much Cause of Uneasiness. As this Letter of my Lords was sealed & directed by himself I am apt to think that M^r Calvert never saw it & perhaps he begins to entertain some Apprehensions that M^r Hemersly might have an Eye on the Secretary's Office. I cannot for my part conceive why M^r Hemersly should be my Enemy, nor do I understand who those Adversaries are that M^r Calvert says he has quieted. I do not apprehend that either my Lord or M^r Calvert would have been at all displeas'd at Your endeavouring without their Approbation to procure that Office for M^r Ridout however