

met the 22^d of that Month I had communicated to them a Letter which I had received a short time before from M^r Secretary Pitt & also a Copy of that Opinion of His Majesty's Attorney Gen^l M^r Pratt which Your Ldp was pleased to transmit to me with Your Letter dated the 30th of Augst last. I now take the Liberty to inclose Your Ldp a Copy of the Speech with which I opened the Session & also Copies of the Addresses that were presented to me by both Houses in answer thereto. After going thro this Ceremony the Lower House having taken the Letters which I had communicated to them & the opinion of M^r Pratt into Consideration passed a Vote for a Thousand Men, but at the same time they Resolved that the Money necessary for Levying & Supporting them should be raised by the same Bill which the Upper House had before rejected & which His Majesty's Attorney Gen^l had moreover condemned & pronounced as Your Ldp knows on many Accounts unfit to be passed into a Law. In Consequence of this Resolve the old Bill was again brought into & read in the Lower House & on the 31st of March was offered to the Upper House for their Concurrence, not that any Member of the Assembly imagined there was any Probability of its being assented to but 'twas sent to the Upper House for Form Sake only, the Majority of the Representatives being of Opinion that they should save Appearances better by proceeding in this manner than if they had at once declared themselves absolutely averse to granting Supplies for His Majesty's Service by any means whatever. It is I presume almost unnecessary after what has been already said to tell Your Ldp that this Session ended in just the same manner that all our late Sessions have done & as I am persuaded every Session will end while Supplies are demanded for His Majesty's Service unless the Secretary of State shall think proper instead of sending me a Circular Letter to address such a one to me as might shew the Gentlemen of the Lower House that having been thorowly advised of their Proceedings he entirely disapproves of their Conduct. As to the Inhabitants of the Province in general they seem to be very well pleased since they are not burthened with any more Taxes & as they do not conceive themselves to be in any Danger now from the Enemy & are not ambitious of acquiring a Reputation for Zeal & exemplary Loyalty they seem to be very indifferent about the Event of the Campaign or at least think that the Business can be effectually done without their interesting themselves in any manner whatever. During the Session I communicated to the Gentlemen of the Upper House Your Ldp's Pleasure relative to a Division of All Saints Parish in Frederick County whereupon the Attorney Gen^l prepared a Bill for that purpose

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