

tioned in his Lett^r will have a good Effect & convince at least some of my Enemies here who will see it & know from whom it came that all Attempts to prejudice me in His Ldp's Opinion have been very unsuccessful. I cannot help thinking whatever M^r Calvert might have at times dropped, that His Ldp is too well satisfied of the Impropriety & ill Policy of changing Governors without very good Cause ever to have thought seriously of Superseding me. I flatter myself he will not choose to run the Risk of being Sacrificed as the Proprietaries of Pens^a have been more than once which they richly deserved because they had behaved in such a manner as convinced every Body that no Governor ought to put the least Trust or Confidence in them, & after trying many Expedients seeking Rest but finding none they have been at last obliged to reinstate a man who has it is said made it a Condition of his Acceptance that it shall be left entirely to himself to act on all Occasions as he shall think fit, & accordingly he hath this Spring given his Assent to an Act for Raising another hundred thousand Pounds by the same mode that was so much complained of by the Proprietaries last Year. So that in short the Assembly of Pens^a are now satisfied that by Perseverance they can at any time carry whatever Points they may think fit to insist on; The Proprietaries & their Govern^t are become odious to the People & I believe some of the Dirt which has been thrown on them during the Contention will stick as long as their Names are had in remembrance; Hath His Ldp the same Reasons to be uneasy? I think not. the Province is indeed brought into some Sort of Disgrace with the Ministry but I do not know that they lay any blame at his Door, or that any one hath thence taken Occasion publickly to insinuate any thing to his Disadvantage except the Author of the Queries w^{ch} were some time ago inserted in the London Chronicle & as the Querist's assertions or Intimations were void of Truth (as you would be convinced were you to see M^r Ridout's answers to those queries which I some time ago transmitted to M^r Calvert & which I should have sent him long before had he not told me that he thought the queries unworthy notice) His Ldp would do well to disregard the Calumny of an anonymous scribler especially as not even the Assembly themselves have presumed to alledge in their Journal whatever they may have privately insinuated to their Constituents that His Ldp's Aversion to Contributing towards the Expences of the War has been the Reason that no Supplies have been lately granted here for His Majesty's Service, tho in fact I am persuaded that if His Ldp had at first sent me Instructions to give up the Ordinary Lycences which he yielded up afterwards (if a Person might be said to yield up what he was not possessed of nor