

Letter Bk. III can have unless the Assembly thinks fit to give them by an Act) the Assembly would not have proceeded such Lengths as they have since gone, for as they found His Ldp too tenacious (or rather M^r Calvert for the Lycences were to have been a Perquisite to him) they on their Parts were determined to strip him as far as should be found practicable, the violent Proceedings of the Pens^a Assembly countenanced & encouraged ours, & His Ldp by ordering me to displace one of His Officers (who indeed was no better than he should be) gave them a Leader who together with a numerous Family of which he was one spared no Pains to impose on the People & make them jealous of all that were concerned in the Administration. All those among us who had been either disgraced by the Proprietary or his Ancestors, my Predecessors or myself, for their Demerits,

All who had been in any manner baulked or disappointed immediately joined the Cry & I believe several whose Duty should have led them to act a different Part privately encouraged the Factions, the People in general being Levellers in their Principles & impatient of Rule were easily persuaded to think the worst of their Superiours in Authority, having no Concern about the Reputation of the Province & being indifferent whether the Inhabitants were thought Loyal or Rebelious, thought their Representatives could not go too great Lengths, nay they flattered themselves that they could bring things into such Confusion as would render it absolutely necessary & expedient for the Crown to assume the Govern^t But after all what have the Malignants been able to do, whenever they have thought fit to attack me (which I conceive they have done as often as they could find any Pretence) I may I think without Vanity say they have been foiled or confuted, nor have they in general come off better in the Contests they have had with the Gentⁿ of the Upper House & two of them being dead the others are at length so jaded & dispirited that I am persuaded they will not hold out much longer at least that a Majority in the House will grow cool & that I shall at length see the Proverb fulfilled which tells us that after a Storm cometh a Calm. They have learnt from Experience that I am not to be terrified nor enraged & if His Ldp will only leave matters to my Management I flatter myself I shall have it in my Power to serve him as well as myself & be able to pass my time agreeably enough. I must confess I have often repented that I quitted the 20th Reg^t to come to America but as I cannot it seems now hope to get into the Army again on a good Footing I shall endeavour to make the best of my Condition & am in hopes that (if my Lord only does me Common Justice I shall in a few years after the End of the