

Letter Bk. III feb<sup>ry</sup> which I suppose was sent by the Virg<sup>a</sup> Fleet as it did not reach me till three or four Days ago. As I detain a Gentl<sup>n</sup> (who informed me of this Opportunity of Conveyance & is returning immediately to the Ship) for my Letter, You must not expect so particular or so long an answer as I might otherwise trouble you with. It gives me great pleasure to find that you have been able to get Something done for the Doctor, I congratulate him thereon & as I most sincerely wish it I cannot but flatter myself that as Affairs have again taken another Turn you will be soon able to procure for him something more desirable & more proportionable to his Merit. I am glad to find by your Letter as well as by one that I have received from M<sup>r</sup> Calvert that the Roman Catholics of this Province have not so much Interest at home as they would have me beleive, His Ldp has confirmed the Act ag<sup>st</sup> which they petitioned & for passing which they regard me as a professed Enemy. One M<sup>r</sup> Charles Carroll who is at the Head of that Sect & is possessed of a Fortune of £30,000 or £40,000 Stg among us has taken a passage to England in a Vessel that lately sailed hence & will probably be in London before this can be dld. What his Views or Intentions are in taking such a Voyage at this time I know not. It has been said that he has Thoughts of leaving Maryland & carrying his Fortune to Europe. He has a Son about 22 years of Age now at Paris & if he should determine to spend the Remainder of His Life in Europe it is not improbable that he will take Up his Residence in some part of France as he seems by sending his Son to that Kingdom while he was very Young & by supporting him there since he has finished his Studies to prefer that Country. He is a sensible man, has read much & is well acquainted with the Constitution & Strength of these American Colonies. If he is inclined to give the Enemy any Intelligence about our American Affairs none is more capable, but indeed I do not conceive that he has any such Inclination. He was heretofore a bitter Enemy to the Lord Proprietary but having behaved with moderation since I came hither we were on good Terms till I incurred his Displeasure by assenting to an Act which I thought equitable & which you say appears to you in the same Light. since that time all Correspondence between us has been broken off. I presume he will be much among the Merchants while he stays in London & in particular with his Friend M<sup>r</sup> Philpot. should he endeavour to do me any prejudice with my Ld or any one else during his Residence there I hope you will be able to render His Attempts abortive. Lord Loudoun is at length sailed from N York with upwards of 6000 Men. They left Sandy Hook the 20<sup>th</sup> of Iune whence we conclude that His Ldp had