

then received certain Advice of the Arrival of the Fleet from Ireland at Hallifax & we entertain sanguine hopes that the Fleets have e'er this joined. I am very apprehensive that His Ldp will not be able to attempt Quebec this year but I think he might without Difficulty make Himself Master of Louisburg & if he be permitted & enabled to prosecute his plan next Spring the Reduction of that place will be a great Step towards the Conquest of Canada. I am exceedingly obliged to you for Your kind offer to use Your Interest in my Favour with Ld Hallifax & to endeavour to procure me the Govern' of N York in Case I should think that Govern' a desirable One, In this you continue to act the Generous part that you have always done & I should think myself wanting in Gratitude if I failed to make you my grateful Acknowledgments but as you say that you have been assured by those that know best that it is not worth more than Sixteen hundred a year I am at a loss whether to accept or decline the Offer. It has been usually estimated in America at a much higher Value but I suppose that as the Lands are almost all sold, the Profitts must have been considerably lessened, with regard to the people that a Gov' has to deal with there they are much the same I beleive as in the other Colonies, They have I know shewn more Generosity & Spirit since these Disturbances began than the people of Maryland for they have agreed to support the Men that were required of them & they have defrayed the Governor's Expence or made him a considerable Present as often as he has gone to Albany or taken any Journey for His Majesty's or the Colony's Service, While I have been obliged to spend upwards of £500 st^s on such Journeys & have not been reimbursed a Shilling. Indeed our Assembly is in this respect a hundred times worse than the Pensilvianians for they have never declined paying any Expence that their Governors or Commissioners have been at in holding Treaties with Indians or journeying to the Frontiers tho such Expences have within these three years amounted to many thousand pounds, Was It a time of peace, or would our Assembly make a reasonable Allowance for my extraordinary Expences on these Occasions, I would not complain, tho I am obliged to pay so much to M^r Calvert out of my Sallary which no Governor before 1751 ever did, but really what with the Burthen of these Expences & other incidental Charges which the late Ld Baltimore used to make an Allowance for out of the Fines & Forfeitures but which I defray out of my own purse, I really beleive I am as ill off as any Governor on the Continent except those that are elective in some of the New England Republican Governments. As His Ldp has lately writ to me desiring I will by some means or other