

Letter Bk. III get £100 St<sup>s</sup> a year remitted to one M<sup>r</sup> Wogan a Friend of His I am determin'd by the next opportunity to acquaint his Ldp with the Difficulties that I already labour under, as do also all the principal Officers in His Ldp's Govern<sup>t</sup> we already pay to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert as much as the places can bear & really if His Ldp will increase the Burthen some or other will be obstinate & endeavour by Violence to throw it entirely off. The Gent<sup>a</sup> who used to act as his Ldp's predecessors Secretaries in England were rewarded with £100 p Ann. & that Sum was never increased till the late Ld's Decease. At this time we pay £750 st & yet His Ldp tells me that he thinks it hard that when he has so many places in Maryland in his Gift he cannot procure an Annual Present of £100. for a Friend in England whom he has a great Desire to serve. I am apt to think that S<sup>r</sup> Charles Hardy has not desired Leave to resign the Gov<sup>t</sup> of N York absolutely for in a Letter which I received a few Days since from Lieut<sup>t</sup> Governor Delancey he tells me that S<sup>r</sup> Charles Hardy has obtained Leave to go on the Expedition, during the Continuance of which he is to assume the powers of Gov<sup>t</sup> & he intimates that when the Expedition is over S<sup>r</sup> Charles will return again to N York. If that Govern<sup>t</sup> is worth £1600 St<sup>s</sup> a Year certain it would be a good Exchange, but then if you should ask for it & not succeed, & Ld Baltimore should hear that such Application was made he would I fear be apt to resent it & tho perhaps he might not choose to superceed me he might easily encrease the Burthen that I already find too grievous. 'Twas really hard to be excluded from all Chance of preferment in the military way by the Establishment of that Royal American Regiment which after all we have been obliged to raise. The Germans I am convinced would never have compleated it & had it not been filled with Drafts & Recruits from England, the two Regiments that were broke & the men that have been raised at the Expence of Virg<sup>a</sup> & this Province I beleive it would now have wanted more than a Thousand Men. The Virginians have by a Press Act compleated their Forces to 1300 men 200 of whom are gone to Carolina & as many more are to follow. Our Assembly would not come into that Scheme which is the only one but yet we muster at this time many more than 400 who are distributed between Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick for the Defence of this Province. What Number of Provincials the Pensilvanians have actually in pay I know not but one may guess from what the Assembly say in one of their late Addresses to the Governor that their Forces are vastly short of the Complement that they ought to support. The people of Pens<sup>a</sup> as well as the Inhabitants of Virginia & this Province were lately much terrified but they