

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Copy of the 124th Letter to M^r Calvert Dated Annapolis the 10th of Nov^r 1763 transmitted by Capt M^cLaurin & Duplicate by Capt Watson.

Sir

I am glad to have an Opportunity of writing by a Ship that came down the Bay yesterday & is just about to sail from this place to inform you that at a Conference between the two Houses yesterday in the Afternoon it was agreed that as the Inspection Law will expire the first of next month a new one shall now be framed in such a manner as that it may not in any respect even seem to contravene the Statute of Queen Ann, while it will preserve to the Officers all & indeed more than all the Advantages which they derived from the old Inspection Law. No Dispute has yet arisen between the two Houses since the Opening of the Session except on the Inspection Law which as I have already intimated is happily accomodated. I am not without hopes that agreeable to what I recommended to both Houses in my Speech they will now provide for the Payment of all the Militia who in Obedience to my Orders served on the Frontiers during the War, which will be an Encouragement to others to obey with Chearfulness any similar Orders that I may hereafter think fit to issue & as the Assembly have also by a Bill now lying for my Assent appropriated a Sum of Money for the Encouragement & Reward of such as may kill or take Prisoners any Indian Enemy within the Limits of this Province, Our Frontier Inhabitants will I think be pretty well satisfied tho nothing more should be done for their protection. It is with pleasure I inform you that while the Indian Parties have from time to time this Summer very much harrassed the Frontier Inhabitants of the two neighbouring Colonies scarcely any of them have made an Incursion into this Province & when they did they were generally obliged to retire with Loss. According to the last Accounts which have been received from Pittsburg large Bodies of Indians have several times made their Appearance before that Fort but as the Garrison is now sufficiently numerous & well supplied with Provisions they are not under the least Uneasiness on Account of such Indians Visits. The Fort at Detroit it seems is still invested & as some Supplies of Provisions which had been ordered thither were lost they were I understand under a good Deal of Uneasiness for a time at New York about the Fate of the Place, nor do I find that they are yet free from Apprehensions concerning it. As Governor Hamilton had a few Days before the Commissioners met the 20th of last Month at George