

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, Informing You of the King's having Declared War against Spain; and by the Declaration You will see the Just and Indispensible Reasons that obliged His Majesty to take that measure.

If Your Assembly before the Confirmation of this News were any ways backward in Granting the Requisitions made by His Majesty for the Services of the Ensuing Campaign, I am persuaded they will now most Chearfully and readily Exert themselves in fully Complying with the King's orders, that His Majesty may be Enabled to prosecute, with the utmost Vigor a War, wherein the Honor of His Crown, the Welfare of His Subjects, and the prosperity of His Kingdoms are so nearly concerned.

I am, with great Regard,
Sir,

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Governor Sharpe.

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

Letter Bk. III

To Sir Jeffery Amherst. Annapolis the 7th of April 1762.
Sir

I am just favoured with Your Excellency's Letter of the 21st ult & also with another dated the 28th in which you were pleased to communicate to me the very agreeable Intelligence you had received of the Reduction of Martinico with only a very small Loss of His Majesty's Troops on which most happy & important Event I most heartily congratulate Your Excellency. Having passed a Vote for raising & supporting during one Year four hundred Provincials & for raising the number of Recruits demanded of this Province towards compleating the Regular Regiments our Lower House of Assembly has been more than a Fortnight framing a Bill for granting the Money thought necessary for those purposes; which however most of them by what I can learn seem absolutely averse to raising at all, unless the Upper House will accept a Bill which they have already rejected nine times; nevertheless as the Bill has for these two Days been the Subject of Debate in the Lower House I am not yet entirely without hopes that they will drop their Scheme & agree to raise the Supplies wanted by continuing the Taxes which were imposed to raise the Sum that was last granted here for the King's Service the Act by which those Taxes were laid being to expire next Summer, if I find that Nothing more is to be done I shall then press the Assembly to appropriate a Sum of Money for furnishing the