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[Sharpe to Egremont.]

Letter Bk. III

To The Right Hon^{ble} The Earl of Egremont. Ann^s 25th of April 1762.

My Ld.

It is not without great Concern I now write to inform Your Ldp that altho I have in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands signified to me by Your Ldp's two Letters dated the 12th of Dec^r last used my utmost Endeavours to prevail on the General Assembly of this Province to levy cloath & pay a Number of Troops for the King's Service & to raise the Recruits which were demanded by S^r Jeffery Amherst as our quota for the King's Regular Regiments on this Continent my Endeavours have proved unsuccessful. Having laid those two Letters before them together with some I had therewith received from S^r Jeffery I pressed them to a Compliance with His Majesty's Requisition & a few Days after the opening of the Session a Vote passed in the Lower House for Levying cloathing & paying during the Term of one year 400 Provincials & for raising 84 Recruits for the Kings Regular Regiments on this Continent, but at the same time it was Resolved by a Majority in that House that in order to raise the Money thought necessary for those purposes such a Bill should be brought in as had eight times before been rejected by the Upper House because in their opinion it was calculated to introduce such Innovations in our Constitution as would create the greatest Confusion & Disorder, sacrifice a Part of the Inhabitants to the Humour of the Rest & invest the Lower House of Assembly with executive Powers which have been hitherto exercised by other Branches of our Legislature. The Upper House of Assembly having as I have already hinted several times refused their assent to such a Bill & so long ago as the year 1758 particularized their objections to it which together with all that passed between the two Houses thereupon were laid more than two years ago before His Majesty's Attorney Gen^l M^r Pratt who gave it as his opinion that no Bill lyable to such objections ought to be passed into a Law I communicated his opinion to the Gentlemen of the Lower House but they declined paying any Regard to it, saying that it was no uncommon thing for Lawyers to differ in opinion & that as your Ldp had not in explicit Terms, censured the Proceedings of either the Upper or the Lower House but only in general Words reprehended the Province for not having granted Supplies they