

such Proceedure of that House, he thanks you for the part you have Acted, and thinks M^r Rawlins deserves Reward when opportunity offers, for his just Defence as his Magistrate.

With Relation to the Committee of the House, as appears by their Journal, for the Examination of the Accounts and Papers about the Disposal of £600 granted to His Majesty's Service in July 1754. The Deficiency of the Several Charges therein contained of M^r Cresap and the Recruiting Officers Accounts, The Proceedure of the House thereon is surely premature, the Vouchers from the Commissary of Stores who attends the Troops not being delivered. His Lordship doubts not But they will truly clear their Accounts free from Suspicion and Guilt of an Offence, it being Disbursement for Publick Money Accountable to the House Intrusted to your Conduct.

By what you write of the Issue of the Assembly's Meeting for further Supply, the Lower House tends not of Service to His Majesty though so much their own (unless thereby they can Clip Prerogative) 'tis the General opinion here that the Parliament at its Meeting will take Cognizance of the Colonies on such Point, and Give them Authority for ways and means of their own to help and Defend themselves. The Success at Beausejour, Nova Scotia, and Admiral Boscawen's Fleet off Cape Breton, give Spirits to the People here. While the French Labour under Pour L'Honneur Du Roy as they Term it. Admiral Hawke is Sail'd with eighteen of the Line supposed for the Tagno, or off Cadiz the Rout of the French Fleet; If meet supposed will turn to Battle.

The Exact Account you mention of the Inhabitants of the Province will be very Acceptable to My Lord.

I am surprized not hearing from M^r Lloyd in so long time, you Account for not hearing in some measure occasion'd by the Retard of your Letters and of Publick Affairs Arrival here; from the Prodigious Drought, that has prevented the Planters preparing and packing their Tobacco, the Ships that should have Sailed have not been dispatch'd. The Detention of My Lord's money is great Disappointment to him. I have wrote to him twice for his Choice by Remittance. Viz' If in Specie by a Man of war from Virginia or by Maryland Merchant Ship, giving Prior Intelligence to me as to the sum, for Insurance here; Or else By Bills from the Agents in America on their Correspondents in England the Contractors with the Government for the Payment of the Troops there. His Lordship doubts not M^r Lloyd's justness, But Delay of his Money is prejudicial