

I am glad to observe this Instant, by the London Gazette Jan^y the 16th by Major General Gage to the Earl of Halifax New York the 13th of December last, advises "That the regular and Provincial Troops under Colonel Bouquet having been joined by a Good Body of Voluntiers from Virginia, and others from Maryland and Pensylvania March'd from Fort Pitt, the March of the Troops, threw the Savages in the greatest consternation. They were told that they might have Peace but every Prisoner must be delivered up. That they must appoint Deputies to go to S^r William Johnson, to receive such Terms as should be imposed upon them. The Indian Nations submitted, and appointed their Deputies to go to S^r William, and tis hoped a General lasting Peace is concluded with all the Indian Nations, who have taken up Arms against his Majesty; this is brave and good News, and now all other animosities would a ceased, whose fault? But the British American rancour, which sends sort of Ambassadors to fix by their Calumny their disobedience to God, the King and to their Neighbour. Brag may be a good Dog, but Hold fast a better, The Mother Country will hold them fast.

I shall here drop all Polemical Matters. My hearty wish is that all Discord may be removed and that fair dealings may lead to Quiet and happiness. His Lordships wishes are Union and Equitable Proportion of Things to Him. He sends you his best wishes and thanks for your endeavours for his service and the Province, and for which He holds you in high Estimation and Friendship.

I am with all respect and Esteem, Dear Sir

Yours most sincerely &c
Cecil^s Calvert

To His Excell^y Gov^r Sharpe
in Maryland

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The Ins^{ns} and Let^r speaks fully in Point, I doubt it's giving Content, the Suspending Clause you have in Your Publick Inst^{ns} at any time to resort to. if the Instⁿ is not complied with You are clear off from Assent the wrong Measures and Proceedings of the Colonies has brought on them here the 7th Ins^t a Bill upon ways & Means, The House of Commons resolved, that a Stamp Duty of 3^d Sterling charged on every skin of Parchment, Vellum on which shall be Engrossed written or Printed and declaration &c in any Court of Law within the British America, last year the first Stone was laid, this year another, and ill be succeeded by every Ministerial Builder untill the whole American Structure of their Folly is by the Mother Country compleated on them. The Com-