

is here to be met with, the great Reputation Character & Esteem his Prudence
honesty & honour had acquired him induced me to appoint him one of the
Judges of Assize which Trust he has discharged with general Approbation &
Applause, Him or the other Gent^l who professes the Law I have ventured
to recommend as Gent^l whose Capacity will add great Strength to his
Lords Council. — I was obliged to acquaint his L^o with the
impracticability of completing the Gov^o House by Lottery; if His L^o chooses
to advance any Sum for repairing a little the Waste that Time has made in
the House I believe it might much forward its Completion, however I have
pitched on the first Convention of the next Assembly to make a Struggle for
a Sum of Money to finish it: — The Journals of both Houses of Assembly
herewith transmitted will show with how little Success I met them the
25th of March on the Business I acquainted you with in my last Letter.
The Ohio Affair you will perceive was scarcely heard with temper, &
the Method proposed for raising Money to answer the Expence of
sending Comm^{rs} to Albany was such as could not be concurred with. you
will see that I am reduced to great Straights, by the Peoples determined
Resolution to make His Majesty's Service, & His L^o's Interest clash
if by any means it can be so brought about: that if permitted the
upper House at their earnest Request to return the Bill averted
only, as Matters were ^{brought} come to such a Crisis, I hope will not appear
too indulgent, & I should be extremely obliged by your advising me
how to steer my Course when such Difficulties shall again happen
to occur. The pressing Solicitations of the several Govern^{ts} around
us alarmed at the great Progress of the French in making themselves
Masters of the Country Eastward of those Provinces; have necessitated
me to meet again our Assembly the 8th Inst. when I hope to find
them better disposed to promote the Service so earnestly recommended
in the Letters from the Lords of Trade & the Earl of Holderness.