

Copy of the 15th Lett. to M^r Calvert dated 15th Sept^r 1754
transmitted to me by Capt. George

S^r In my Letter of the 2^d. I made known to you, our
general Expectations from the Virginia Assembly who
were then convened; since which time, I have been informed by
Governor^r Kenwiddie, that all his Endeavours to incite them
to advance a Sum of Money for the Expedition, have proved
unsuccessfull. Soon after their meeting it seems they voted £20000
for the Service, but in preparing a Bill for that Purpose they
inserted a Clause for Discharging £2500 which had been
advanced by the Speaker & several Members to the Attorney
Gen^l. at his Embarkation for England. This was look'd on
by the Govern^r & Council, as a most extravagant Requisition,
The Bill was accordingly rejected & the Govern^r thereupon
thought proper to prorogue them to the 17th of October in
hope of receiving by that time some farther Instructions
from home for his Conduct, if not Men or Money for the
Service. This Accident has removed all thoughts of any
things being done, or attempted against the French this
Summer. The most our Forces can execute will be the
building a Fort to secure a Pass thro the Mountains
which might facilitate our Operations next Spring,
This I believe will be the Business of the three independant