

disposed to exert themselves at last by a generous Resolution, & by paying the greatest Regard to His Majesty's most Excellent Recommendation, manifest their Duty to His Majesty & their Constituents. The making some necessary preparations for my journey will detain me this week at Annapolis but the beginning of next I propose to set out for Wills Creek & if there appears a probability of effecting any thing with such a Body of Troops as can be drawn together before the severe Season comes on I hope by the next opportunity of Convoynance that will probably offer to give you a Satisfactory Account of my winters Campaigns, but if a Council of War which I intend to hold as soon as I reach Wills Creek shall find it most expedient to postpone any Attack till the Neighbouring Governments can be persuaded to send us proper Reinforcements I shall return again as soon as I have regulated & disposed of the Companies for the Security of our Frontiers this winter against the Incursions of the French Indians who were seen Governor Morris advises me, on their March towards the French Post on Ohio to be employed this winter as was apprehended against our Back Inhabitants. As I have reason to think that the several Letters which I writ some time since, are either this got home safely I have no particular private Business to write on; wherefore I beg leave to conclude, with assuring you that I am with the greatest Respect & Regard, Yours &c.

Copy of 19<sup>th</sup> Letter to Mr Calvert & Capt Tomson  
Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Sir the Captain who is charged with this having only this Moment writ on me, to know my Commands to England & being in haste to be dismissed I have only time to acquaint you that our Assembly is to meet this Day & that I am a little fearful they will not be found so well disposed to do the Business for which they are convened