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this as all the Intelligence I can send your L<sup>dy</sup> as to these publick Transactions & the present posture of Affairs beside an Account of the Assemblies of New York & the Tories having refused to grant any Supplies unless their respective L<sup>ds</sup> will consent to a new Emission of Paper Money which it seems they are both by His Majesty's Instructions positively forbid to do without a suspending Clause till His Majesty's Approbation can be signified. As to your L<sup>dy</sup>'s private Interest I am greatly concerned at being obliged to acquaint your L<sup>dy</sup> that it will be I am afraid considerably affected by these Disturbances & the Danger that appears to threaten us. To advance the price of any of your L<sup>dy</sup>'s Land that remains un<sup>de</sup> will I doubt be rendered impracticable, & the Vicinity of the Enemy to the frontier Counties where most of the vacant Land lies has already very sensibly lessened the Number of Applications to your L<sup>dy</sup>'s Lands Office; but I have the pleasure to acquaint your L<sup>dy</sup> that I have a prospect of being able to advance the Rent of your L<sup>dy</sup>'s Mannour in this County from £9-15 to £5- p 100 Acres as the Leases under which the Tenants at present occupy terminate. Yours &c

Copy of 21<sup>st</sup> Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert dated Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1755.

Sir I am not a little sorry at being obliged to acquaint you that I have found the Apprehensions I intimated to you in my two last Letters but too well founded, as you will learn from the perusal of the Journals of the Upper & Lower Houses Proceedings last Session which I take this Opportunity of transmitting. I am persuaded that when the Vote for granting the Sum of £7000 for His Majesty's Service was passed the Majority of the Representatives fully intended to give that Sum after an acceptable manner, but when some of the Politicians who out of their singular regard for the Pocket of their Constituents & perhaps their own Interest discovered to the House that instead of £7000 of the paper Cash which should have been brought into the Office some Years since & exchanged for new Bills, only £2590<sup>l</sup>-14- was brought thither, consequently that the Difference between those two Sums remained still