

since so which I request the favour of an Answer. I have had  
the pleasure also to receive yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> of March br. - W<sup>r</sup>  
Hallaway, you therein intimate the miscarriage of a Letter of mine  
transmitted by Capt Coolidge's Ship, which I am much surprized at  
because it was delivered to the care of M<sup>r</sup> Chamier who went before  
yet is esteemed a very punctual & careful person, it was dated the  
19<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> & was writ. to acquaint you, what was doing here just at  
that time only, however I have herewith inclosed a copy. Your Letter  
to Col. Boyd I sent to him & as I presume he sent Letters of Advice  
by Capt Allen who sailed in Jan<sup>y</sup> I hope you are long ere this sa-  
tisfied as to the Money Matters you mention & I am glad to find there  
is so fair a prospect of our having the Salt Act carried next Session of  
Parliament & you may be assured I will not fail to let the Gent<sup>rs</sup> of  
the Province know how much they are already indebted to his Ld<sup>ship</sup>  
& your Assiduity & Care with respect to that Affair. It gives me the greatest  
Satisfaction to learn that my Letters concerning the publick Transactions  
on this Continent are well received by the Ministry as well as his Ld<sup>ship</sup> I  
do not know that I let slip any Opportunity of sending Intelligence as  
soon as I have grounds for believing it true, tho' it is possible News may  
often be more speedily & frequently transmitted from Virg<sup>a</sup> & the Northern  
Colonies on Account of their frequent Intercourse with Europe, but indeed  
I am apt to think that it is not unusual for people to write News  
hence as well as they do from London hither before they are assured  
they are not falsifying. I am much obliged to you for intimating to  
me what is transacting & expected at home & will now in my Turn  
send you a short Acc<sup>t</sup> of what is doing & may be expected to be  
executed here. The Plan of Operations that was concerted at West<sup>min</sup>ster.  
I hope you will very shortly know however lest my last Letter should  
miscarry I have inclosed with Duplicates of them Copies also of  
The Minutes of Council & the Plan there proposed to be pursued. I  
hear Sr Wm Pennersell has not been able yet to raise more than  
half his Complement; for which Cause you? Shirley has prevailed