

I do not doubt but the passing of the Law that is come out will  
divide themselves & do mischief on the Frontiers of these pro-  
vinces before they return & as some mischief has been already  
done by them in some parts but as we have at this time upwards  
of 200 men at Fort Ticonderoga I am in hopes that our People  
will be better secured.

Copy of my Letter to Mr. Calvert dated the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1757.  
transmitted by Capt. Curling.

I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the  
16<sup>th</sup> Inst. last together with His Ldys Instructions of the same  
date & also Your Favour of the 17<sup>th</sup> July by Capt. Coolidge  
who is very lately arrived. It gives me great Satisfaction to  
find that all the Laws which were made in July 1756. have met  
with His Ldys Approbation & that You think I did Right in  
taking no farther Notice of the Petition that was presented by  
the Roman Catholics ag<sup>t</sup> the Supply Bill. I am also glad that  
His Ldy is pleased to order You to take an Opinion on the State  
of the Revenue Laws, not for my own Satisfaction for I was well  
convinced in my Conscience of the Validity of those Laws &  
that the Assembly was entirely wrong, & No Act should ever have  
been made or Step taken while I had the honour to reside here  
that could invalidate in the least His Ldys Right to the Impost &  
Tonnage, but for the Conviction of such as have not considered  
the Affair so thoroughly as I have done & are therefore misled  
& the Satisfaction of those that shall come after Us I am well  
pleas'd