

ported for the Defence of that Province, but I understand that the  
Corps is not much the better for the Men that were taken in pursuance of  
that Act, several hundred of them having deserted before or soon after they  
joined the Regiment. Upon its being intimated to me by the Agents that  
the Money which was granted for the Support of the Men that have been  
raised for the Defence of this Province is almost expended I desired a  
meeting of the Gentlemen of Your Ldps Council & as it is almost three  
Years since the last Election, I have by their Advice dissolved the old  
Assembly & called a New One which is to meet the 25<sup>th</sup> of this Month,  
of this Proceeding. I hope Your Ldp will approve & that You will  
always believe me to be with the utmost Respect,

To the Duplicate was added.

21. Sept. 8. I am just informed that Lord Loudoun is actually returned  
to York with 10 Reg<sup>t</sup>. Admiral Holborne is cruizing off Louisburg with 14  
Ships of the Line in hopes that the French will be tempted to give him  
battle, but it is generally thought that notwithstanding the Superiority of their  
Fleet they will avoid coming to an action so it will be absolutely out  
of our Power to act offensively either by Land or Sea in America this year  
& I am afraid our Affairs will never assume a better Face unless some Method  
can be fallen upon to oblige the Colonies to exert their united Strength.

To Lord Baltimore. the 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1756.

My Ld.

In my Letter dated the 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. I informed Your Ldp  
that I had by the Advice of the Council dissolved the late  
Assembly and issued Writs for the Election of a New One which met  
here the 20<sup>th</sup> of last Month when I opened the Session as usual with  
a Speech of which I inclose Your Ldp a Copy together with

Copies