

Copy of the 60th Letter to Mr Calvert dated the 14th of May 1750
Transmitted by Capt.

In my Letter of the 10th of April I told You that the Lower House had voted a Supply of £45,000 for the Support of a Number of Troops to act in conjunction with such others as may be raised in the Neighbouring Colonies & to garrison the Forts that have been built on the Frontiers of this Province, but I intimated to You at the same time, that there was little Probability of a Bill being passed for such Purposes as the Gent^l of the Lower House were determined to adhere to the Plan of the Bill which they had before offered to the Upper House at two different times & which the Gentlemen of the Upper House had as often unanimously rejected. I am now to inform You that the Event has shewn that my Apprehensions were too well grounded & that I was Yesterday obliged to put an End to the Session without being able to obtain from the Assembly any Supplies whatever not even for the Support of a few Men to garrison Fort Frederick & protect the Frontier Inhabitants while the Troops under the Command of Brigadier Forbes are engaged in the Expedition which is about to be carried on to the Westward of these Southern Colonies. As the Reasons which made the Gentlemen of the Upper House averse to agreeing to such a Bill as was offered them are contained & remarked on in the Messages that passed between the two Houses thereupon, I shall take the Liberty to refer You to the Copies of those Messages which You will herewith receive, not doubting but You will be of Opinion that the Gent^l who framed & insisted on the Passage of such a Bill were actuated by Motives very different from a sincere Desire to promote His Majesty's Service & to provide in the most effectual manner for the Security of our Frontier Inhabitants. The Truth is that their Leading Men (among whom Mr Edw^d Tilghman late Rent Roll Keeper must have the first place) are anxious to bring every thing into Confusion in hopes that the Crown

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