

any regular Plan or left me Power to do so, many Places of considerable Profit
have been disposed of contrary to my Desire or at least without my Knowledge or
at one time some particular Person is to be served in an extraordinary manner & must
be refused nothing that he shall ask for perhaps the next Letter shall tell me that
such Person is neither thought worthy of favour nor capable of Doing His L^{ds} or his
Govern^t the least Service, by which Management it has been brought about that
several if not most of His L^{ds} principal Officers have little Respect for him nor
Regard for Mr Calvert who nevertheless is fond of corresponding with & thereby laying
himself open to All of them while at the same time he seems very averse to my
writing to any one besides himself concerning the Affairs of the Province. You tell me
that Mr Hamersly is Mr Calvert's great Friend & Adviser & that therefore it would not
be improper for me now & then to write him a civil Letter, while Mr Calvert in a Lett^r
which I have just received from him dated the 30 of March last says "I suspect, I
know not, if Mr Hamersly has set up Correspondent with You, if he has, have a care
how You commune with him, he's not Your Friend, the less You mention of him
the better, I have quieted Your Adversaries here". In these Circumstances would You ad-
vise me to write to Mr Hamersly or not? I am apt to think, that my Doing so will
increase Mr Calvert's Jealousy which I suppose must have taken its Rise from Mr
Hamersly's having drawn up a Letter which my L^d lately sent me, with Attorney Gen^l
Pratt's Opinion upon the Dispute, which has for some time subsisted between our two
Houses of Assembly concerning the Supply or Apportionment Bill which the Upper House
have so often refused to pass. Mr Pratt's Opinion seems to justify their Proceedings &
might perhaps if I should be ordered again to solicit Supplies have some Weight
with our Lower House & incline them to pursue different Measures from those which
have for some time past given me so much Cause of Uneasiness, as this Letter of
my L^{ds} was sealed & directed by himself. I am apt to think that Mr Calvert
never saw it & perhaps he begins to entertain some Apprehensions that Mr Hamersly
might have an Eye on the Secretary's Office. I cannot for my part conceive
why Mr Hamersly should be my Enemy, nor do I understand who those Advers-
aries are that Mr Calvert says he has quieted. I do not apprehend that either
my L^{ds} or Mr Calvert would have been at all displeas'd at Your endeavouring